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The catering department of Beit Hamehandes (Engineers' Institute) offered cakes to people passing the institute's Tel Aviv headquarters. The idea was to make them feel better under the present tension. As the cakes were being offered, another institute worker played the accordian. [IPPA photo]

Struggle for normalcy follows missile attacks

By
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Special to The CJN

TEL AVIV —

The front line of the battle zone is quiet this morning. Tel Aviv is licking its wounds. Bulldozers remove the rubble, street cleaners sweep up the glass. And the rain beats down hard on the city that has borne the brunt of Baghdad's missile attacks.

Still, the cafes remain open, the newspaper vendors are out in full swing, and the buses are running. There is only one thing missing in this otherwise normal picture of a Friday morning in Tel Aviv: People.

The shoppers who usually pack the colorful Carmel markets, the armchair analysts who converge in the Dizengoff cafes — are nowhere in sight.

From time to time, they can be heard. They call in from their points of exile — Beersheba, Jerusalem, Eilat — and on nationwide radio, pledging their allegiance to Tel Aviv and lapsing into sentimental outbursts that would ordinarily embarrass any self-respecting resident of this city of cynics.

But these are not ordinary times for Tel Aviv, whose motto, The City That Never Sleeps, has, since Jan. 17, acquired an ironic twist.

The nightly wail of air raid sirens, the ominous whistle of an approaching SCUD and the deafening explosion that rocks whole neighborhoods have taken their toll on the nerves of Tel Avivians, and many of them are gone.

The only crowds gathered here this Friday morning are those huddled in hotels along the deserted beach strip. There, thousands of residents whose homes have been destroyed by missiles have been given temporary refuge by the municipality.

One father stands in the lobby of a hotel, holding his two-year-old daughter in his arms. Both are wearing slippers. "We don't have any shoes," he explains. "All we have left is what we were wearing when the missile fell." The daughter is still in her pyjamas.

The father, Yossi, lived in one of Tel Aviv's poorest neighborhoods. Because the buildings were flimsily constructed, the damage there is massive.

Hundreds of dazed-looking people wearing slippers wander around the lobby. Some are lugging garbage bags filled with the odds and ends they were able to salvage. An old woman is sprawled out on the sofa, her gas mask lying beside her.

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Steadfastly backs Israel

Canada affirms support

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

Iraq's latest flurry of SCUD missile attacks on Saudi Arabia and Israel and the environmental disaster it has caused in the Persian Gulf have strengthened allied resolve to rout Saddam Hussein and his forces from Kuwait.

The federal government has responded with a ringing condemnation of the Iraqi dictator, steadfast support of Israel, its efforts to intensify Canada's military participation in the Gulf. For the moment, representatives of Jewish groups say, there appears to be little more it can do.

"The government has already been quite outspoken and unequivocal (in its support of Israel)," said Ian Kagedan, B'nai Brith's director of government relations. "To be honest, I don't know if another statement is needed."

On the plus side, if there is a plus side, "Saddam Hussein is simply making it possible for us [Israel and the Jews] to be affirmed and reaffirmed," said Kagedan.

So far, Simon Kahn, the Canada-Israel Committee's director of public affairs, is generally pleased with the federal government's response. He hopes that Israel's legitimate rights will not be lost sight of.

Israel must not be attacked in any way if and when it exercises its right to self-defence, he said. This legitimate right must be reiterated by the Canadian government, he said, adding that when Israel does respond to the string of Iraqi provocations, its actions not be viewed in "a cavalier or cowboyish manner.

"This is very critical."

"Israel's restraint, in not resorting to its right of self-defence in the face of such continuing provocation, is being sadly tried, and the world must realize that such patience has its limits," said Willowdale Liberal MP Jim Peterson in a Jan. 22 press release.

Kahn also called for increased humanitarian aid in light of "the incredible strain on the Israeli economy" created in part, by the diversion of funds to the military, and the unabated aliya and absorption of Soviet and Eastern European Jewry. "Lost revenues from tourism and the actual physical damage to the state of Israel from the missile attacks" also have to be paid for, Kahn said.

"Recognition beyond words is appropriate."

Jumping into the fray with support for Israel is the relatively quiet 1000-member Canadian Friends of Peace Now.

"It's pretty clear to me in the short term that the situation in the Middle East has certainly set back the trust between Israelis and Palestinians," said Mel Shipman, national president of the Canadian Friends of Peace Now, with chapters in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Winnipeg. "It's not a moment in which to cheer. It's discouraging," he said.

"The whole process has been retarded by the (Iraqi) invasion of Kuwait and retarded further by missile attacks against Israel and the carving out of an alliance between Saddam Hussein and the Palestinians."

On Tuesday, Jan. 22, the House of Commons passed a 217-47 resolution affirming support of the United Nations in ending the aggression by Iraq against Kuwait. During that debate, Liberal Opposition Leader Jean Chretien lashed out at "the brutal treatment Iraq gives its prisoners of war and its cynical attacks on Israel.

"We all agree that Saddam Hussein is a tyrant. He proved that when he invad-

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Israel puts force on hold

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israel is believed to be pressing the United States to allow the Israel Defence Force to take over the task of trying to knock out the remaining SCUD missile launchers in western Iraq.

But until it receives a positive response from the United States, the Israeli government apparently will continue with its policy of exercising military restraint.

That appeared to be the consensus reached at Sunday's weekly cabinet meeting, which was reported to have made no new decisions on an Israeli military response.

Nevertheless, the ongoing SCUD attacks on Tel Aviv and Haifa and the growing trepidation about the possibility Iraq will use chemical or biological weapons against Israel have put tremendous pressure on the government to take action.

Fears that Saddam Hussein might resort to such lethal weapons were heightened over the weekend by renewed threats on Baghdad radio, as well as the Iraqi oil spill in the Persian Gulf, which seemed to confirm Hussein's ruthlessness and his determination to implement his various threats.

While Israeli officials continue to be pleased at the pounding allied bombers are giving Iraqi military installations, they have been at pains to continue finding positive things to say about the ongoing coalition effort to smash the SCUD missile launchers in western Iraq, which are the staging grounds for the attacks on Israel.

One leading military commentator, Ran Ben-Yishai, writing in the mass-circulation daily Yediot Achronot, even urged the Americans to consider dropping a nuclear device on western Iraq to prevent further Iraqi attacks.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens said Sunday that while the United States is "working very hard" to knock out the SCUD launchers, success so far has been "less than complete."

"We think that we could make a contribution to neutralizing that threat," he said in an appearance on the ABC-TV program *This Week With David Brinkley*.

But he stressed that the Israeli air force would not undertake such action before reaching an understanding with the United States.

If the Israeli air force did become involved in bombing missile launch sites in western Iraq, it would allow the United States and its coalition allies to concentrate on the other aspects of the war to force Iraq out of Kuwait.

Arens said that in the first 11 days of the Persian Gulf war, Iraq had fired 27 missiles at Israel, of which six had hit the Jewish state. He said Israel believed there were 20 to 30 missile launchers still operating in Iraq,

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MEHTA SHOWS SUPPORT

Zubin Mehta, musical director of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, gestures as he stands with a gas mask around his neck in front of the damage caused in an Iraqi SCUD missile attack. Mehta visited the site and said it was a miracle no one was killed. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Assistance promised for Israel

OTTAWA —

The federal government announced last week that it is donating $500,000 in humanitarian aid to Israel.

The money will go to the Canadian Red Cross Society, which will transfer it to Magen David Adom, Israel's Red Cross counterpart.

The funds will go toward the purchase of emergency medical equipment and other relief supplies .

Gulf War

Arrest made at U of T

Police, RCMP react to bomb threats at universities

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —
Police are taking a "prudent, careful posture" following a rash of bomb threats, some anti-Semitic but none so far real, which have been received at the United States Consulate-General, University of Toronto, and York University since war erupted in the Persian Gulf Jan. 16.

Metro Police's intelligence bureau is working with the RCMP and Interpol, Acting Inspector Mike Sale told The CJN. "We're trying to walk a very responsible line."

Taking a very dim view of pranksters, he added, "We are at war and people are making these careless, reckless and criminal calls which will be dealt with according to law."

Over 20 calls have been reported at York University and five at the U of T. Two arrests have been made.

Jose Juan Castaneda, 22, was picked up at his Toronto home Jan. 17 after telling a Bell Telephone operator in Belleville, Ont. a bomb had been planted at the U.S. Consulate here.

He was charged with uttering a threat, an indictable offence under the Criminal Code with a term not exceeding five years.

Shahid Mahmood Mian, was taken into custody last Tuesday at the U of T's Sidney Smith building on a charge of conveying false messages, which carries a two-year maximum.

The 28-year-old U of T student had telephoned at least one threat to bomb the campus centre where Israel Day was being held Jan. 22 (story p. 34).

Beth Fairbank, the psychology department secretary who received one of the calls, told the student newspaper The Varsity: "He said 'f------ Jews, after what you have done to us' and then proceeded to say that there was a bomb in Sidney Smith Hall. He even took the time to say 'I mean it' before hanging up."

Jewish Student Union organizers refused to change their plans for the annual celebration, beefing up security instead. Four students slept over in the Sidney Smith lobby Monday to protect exhibits from vandalism.

Metro Police commissioner Norm Gardner personally inspected the site the next day. Six uniformed officers from 52 Division, at least one constable in plain clothes and several members of the campus police searched the building.

About 1 p.m., police advised students a threat had been received about a bomb planted to go off at 1:30, but that they weren't ordering the building evacuated.

Hundreds of students left their classes to mill about outside on St. George Street. About 250 remained in the lobby, seemingly oblivious to the potential for disaster. Conservatory of Music flautist Aviva Dayan performed Hebrew folk songs.

Leading a sit-in, Paul Goldbach, the JSU's defiant president, called their refusal to leave a gesture of solidarity with beleaguered Israelis.

"In Israel they have to live with the daily threat of terrorist activities. It's not just now with SCUD missiles. And they carry on their activities. Now we're faced with a possible threat and we're carrying on."

Israel Day co-organizer Zack Fuerstenberg reported campus police received another threat late Wednesday afternoon as students were disassembling their exhibit. It too was ignored, he said.

JSU director Rabbi Moishe Silverman expressed his appreciation to Metro and U of T police. Their presence, he said, "helped make a good program."

Jewish students rally behind Israel:

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Five bomb threats were made in connection with Israel Day at the U of T last week. After the first scare, police stopped evacuating the Sidney Smith building. [Clive Thompson photo]

Winnipeg reaches out to Tel Aviv as security increased at JCC

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Mayor William Norrie has sent a letter to Shlomo Lahat, the mayor of Tel Aviv, expressing his "great distress" at the Iraqi missile attack on Tel Aviv. In his letter, he wrote: "We in Winnipeg are thinking of your citizens and praying for their safety. My wife and I recall with great gratitude the kind hospitality you showed us when we visited Israel in conjunction with the twinning of Winnipeg and Beersheba (in the mid-1980s). We have always had a great feeling for your country.

"We are particularly saddened by this act of aggression against Israel. Please convey to your council and citizens our deep concern and sympathy and assure them of our prayers and support. We know we join you in wishing for an early and successful end to this war and termination of future aggressions."

In other related developments, security has been stepped up at the YMHA Jewish Community Centre building which houses Winnipeg Jewish Community Council and other community organization offices.

Meetings have been ongoing with representatives of Jewish organizations in the city concerning security measures. People are being urged to be more vigilant and use caution and common sense if they see anything amiss around community buildings and synagogues.

In an incident which may or may not be related to the situation, some young vandals were caught throwing rocks at Chabad House. They were turned over to the police.

To help alleviate concerns of members of the community with family or friends in Israel, the WJCC has opened an information centre at the Y. How it evolves will depend on the community response and further happenings in Israel and the Gulf.

As well, a special Shabbat assembly was planned for the Rosh Pina on Jan. 27 to show support and solidarity with Israel. Sidney Spivak, national chairperson of the Canada-Israel Committee, was to be the main speaker.

B.C. Muslims denounce Iraqi attacks on Israel

VICTORIA —
Armand Aziz, president of the Vancouver Island Muslim Association, said that Muslims here are praying for peace in the Persian Gulf and he called the Iraqi attacks on Israel unnecessary, according to a story in the Times-Colonist newspaper.

Aziz said there are about 200 Muslims on the Island, most of them students at the University of Victoria. He said they do not support Saddam Hussein's call for attacks on western countries or any form of terrorism.

"We are finding that people are getting the feeling through the media that terrorism may happen from the appeal of Saddam . . . We want to defray any kind of those feelings. We have no support for Saddam."

He said, "We are concerned about the bombing of Israel because of the repercussions it could have. It was unnecessary. We hope Israel continues to show restraint in not retaliating against Iraq."

Parents of Canadian olim remain calm despite attacks

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —
Despite the Persian Gulf War and the missiles launched on Israel by Iraq, a recent meeting of the Toronto chapter of PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) found morale remarkably high among parents whose children have made aliya.

"We're calm because our children are," said Minabelle Haneford, whose daughter lives on a kibbutz near Rehovot.

All the PNAI members who spoke to The CJN had been in daily phone contact with their children in Israel since the war began.

The Toronto chapter of PNAI, which is just over 10 years old, has about 125 member families and represents some 160 children who have made aliya. There are also chapters in Winnipeg, Montreal and Ottawa and across the United States, comprising about 3,000 families.

Eighty group members attended the meeting at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, held a few days after the first missile attack on Israel. The program consisted of a panel discussion about Israel featuring panelists Rabbi Philip Scheim of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation; Moshe Ronen, chairman for the National Executive Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress; and former MPP David Rotenberg, himself a PNAI member, all of whom had returned from Israel shortly before the meeting. Ronen and Rotenberg had met with Israeli government leaders during their visit the week before the war broke out.

"It's urgent that we visit Israel as soon as possible, to express our solidarity," said Rabbi Scheim. "Our greatest responsibility is to embark for Israel and fill their cafes, pedestrian malls and hotels." He also urged members to "meet and exceed" their financial commitments to Israel in the form of bonds and UJA donations.

Rotenberg had returned from visiting his two daughters the day before the first missiles were launched against Israel. He gave a moving account of how he helped daughter Chana Golinkin prepare her sealed room.

Ronen quoted Golda Meir, who, when asked if she was an optimist or a pessimist regarding the Middle East, replied that she was a "nessimist" ("nes" being the Hebrew word for miracle). "We have to believe in miracles," said Ronen.

"We're seeing miracles," he reiterated at another point in the evening, referring this time to the continuing arrival of Soviet and Ethiopian Jews which he witnessed days before the outbreak of the Persian Gulf War. "What really counts is the building up of Israel."

Since being hit by missiles and showing remarkable restraint in not retaliating, Israel has become "the darling of the media," according to Rabbi Scheim. Both the rabbi and Ronen stated fervently that they would be happy to lose the media's sympathy.

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David Rotenberg of Toronto with Chaya (left) and Yair Golinkin—two of his grandchildren in Jerusalem.

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Missile attacks on Israel on Calgarians' minds

By
GIL KEZWER

CALGARY —
It's nearly halfway around the world from Baghdad to Calgary, but the echoes of bombs falling in Iraq and SCUD missile explosions in Israel are reverberating here.

Mayor Al Duerr, who has a nephew scheduled to ship out shortly to the HMCS Restigouche on patrol in the Persian Gulf, has asked Calgarians to voluntarily cut back on gas consumption to aid the war effort.

Engineering commissioner Lyle Ward said the city will help commuters organize car pools.

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Since 1987, when the United Israel Appeal of Canada twinned Cowtown's Jewish community with Mazkeret Batya — a historic yishuv five km south of Rehovot and 35 km southeast of Tel Aviv — two teen summer exchanges have taken place.

Participants in those youth-to-youth programs are now worried sick about the friends they made in Israel. Calgary Jewish Community Centre executive director Drew Staffenberg has been letting the students use the centre's fax machine to keep in touch with their Israeli peers.

Mazkeret Batya mayor Rafi Alloul said he has been overwhelmed by the show of support, including a letter from Duerr.

"We have never seen anything like it," Alloul told the Calgary Herald in a telephone interview last week.

The terror assaults on nearby Tel Aviv have put the citizens in his town on edge, he reported.

"We heard the explosions. Everyone is afraid...People are staying at home and keeping their gas masks beside them."

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Seven hundred of Calgary's 5,000 Jews turned up at a solidarity rally at Beth Tzedec Synagogue last Thursday to hear Israeli Sovietologist Prof. Allen Pollack speak about his country's security situation and ongoing efforts to settle the huge influx of Soviet Jews.

There was a collective gasp from the audience when Pollack put on his gas mask, Riki Heilik of the JCC told The CJN.

The meeting followed an impromptu rally at the JCC last Sunday at which 350 people showed up.

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Besides wire copy, the Calgary Herald has been giving the Middle East war considerable coverage with a local slant.

The daily interviewed Rabbi Peter Hayman, dean of students at Bar Ilan University in Ramat Gan, shortly after last Tuesday's SCUD attack on Tel Aviv in which three died and 96 were wounded.

Hayman, his wife and six children made aliya in 1987, after he had been serving as spiritual leader of the House of David Synagogue for seven years.

"Perhaps these attacks will prove to people in North America just what kind of situations Israel is facing. Many people don't seem to realize what they are like," the rabbi said.

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Last Wednesday, Calgary Herald political caricaturist Vance Rodewalt took a swipe with his pencil at Saddam Hussein, depicting the Iraqi leader as a pirate leaning over a fence to smash a dog house labelled Israel.

But if the Herald has accurately reported the mood here, it is Saddam who is likely to end up in the ruins.

A group of young people took to the stage at last week's solidarity rally at Beth Sholom congregation, showing their support for Canada and Israel. [Randy Fisher photo]

Ottawa Jews rally behind troops

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —
In a show of strength and solidarity more than 700 people packed the Beth Sholom congregation last week to rally their support for Canadian troops in the Gulf, and Israel's unenviable predicament.

"The Jewish community applauds the Conservative government for standing up to such a vicious and cruel dictator," said Ottawa Vaad president Eli Rabin. "We are grateful that leaders of the government have seen fit to champion this cause."

Quoting British wartime prime minister Winston Churchill as ammunition for Canadian participation in the Gulf war, Rabin said: "The idea that peace will be achieved by throwing a small steak to the wolves is a fatal illusion."

We can take strength from Israel "who has shown unprecedented restraint in the face of unprovoked aggression," said Employment and Immigration Minister Barbara McDougall.

Calling for a "speedy end to this nightmare," McDougall condemned the Iraqi leader.

"The Saddam Husseins of this world — wherever they are — cannot be tolerated. They are a threat to (the peace of) the entire world." she said to thunderous applause.

"The Liberal party is distressed and revulsed," said David Berger, MP St. Henri-Westmount. Everyone admires the restraint Israel has shown, he said.

Other dignitaries in attendance were: former Liberal interim opposition leader Herb Gray, MP Windsor West; Beryl Gaffney, Liberal MP Nepean; Senator Sidney Buckwold; city aldermen Mark Maloney and Jacqueline Holzman.

In a dramatic telephone hookup with Jerusalem and former Israeli Embassy minister-councillor Gideon Meir, rally-goers listened attentively as he described the situation and morale in Israel.

"We have unity, strength and morale," he said. There is a unity, a political unity "that we haven't seen in 18 years." And, "morale is our secret weapon."

The historical trauma of the Holocaust was not lost on the Meirs. Fortunately, Israel and its citizens are in a better position to protect themselves.

"I realize that almost 50 years ago we didn't have gas masks," said Amira Meir, wife of Gideon, in perhaps the most poignant remark this CJN reporter has heard in awhile.

Humor is an effective defence too, as Gideon likened the necessary carrying of gas maks to "a new world fashion." The rally's finale saw Ottawa's young people make their way to the front stage bearing lighted candles, unfurling Canadian and Israeli flags and singing Hebrew songs (Am Yisroel Chai) of hope and oneness.

Montreal MP Berger favors tougher sanctions

MONTREAL —
War with Iraq will bring "human devastation and political consequences" that may be worse than a prolonged occupation of Kuwait would have been, St. Henri-Westmount member of Parliament David Berger said in the House of Commons.

"By imposing still harsher economic sanctions, it might have been possible to prompt the Iraqis to get rid of Saddam Hussein," Berger stated.

Speaking just after the first missile attacks on Israel, Berger said that his view might be different if evidence exists that Iraq was close to "possessing a deliverable nuclear weapon...

"Before going to war, I believe that we require persuasive evidence, which I do not believe was presented to this Parliament, to the U.S. Congress or to the United Nations."

If Saddam had been allowed to remain in Kuwait and sanctions had continued, Berger said, he thinks "the status quo would have been preserved...Hussein would have had difficulty building his military capability. He would not have had great capacity to do further damage in the region."

War will result in political destabilization, he said. "Will Iraq survive as an independent country or will it be divided between Syria and Iran? Will war lead to a Shiite government?"

Berger charged that the United States made "mistakes" in its relations with Saddam "practically inviting him to go ahead and invade Kuwait."

Berger referred to the July 25 discussion between U.S. ambassador to Iraq April Glaspie and Saddam on his dispute with Iraq. Berger quoted Glaspie as reportedly saying: "We have no opinion on the Arab-Arab conflicts like your border disagreement with Kuwait. I was in the American embassy in Kuwait in the late 1960s. The instruction we had during this period was that we should express no opinion on this issue and that issue is not associated with America."

Berger also noted that the United States, as well as the French, West Germans, Soviets and other countries previously armed Iraq.

If the United Nations had not set the Jan. 15 deadline and the sanctions had been continued, Saddam "could have been ignored. There would have been no question of linkage to other matters.

"Saddam Hussein is a pariah. Without the threat of war, he would have played no part in international affairs until he began to conduct himself in a civilized fashion."

But Berger asserted he is not a pacifist and supports Israel's "absolute right" to defend itself.

"As a Jew, I have a deep and abiding concern for the welfare of Israel. Of course, this does not make me oblivious to the aspirations of others. I consider myself first and foremost a citizen of the world."

UJPO calls for end to "bloodshed"

TORONTO —
Canada should reverse its position in the Gulf war and support a ceasefire, says the United Jewish Peoples Order (UJPO).

The leftist group says it responded "with shock and alarm" to the Iraqi missile attacks on Israel.

But in a press release, UJPO adds that Israel's security "will only be assured in the short term by an end to the present bloodshed through a ceasefire, and in the long term through renewed efforts to tackle all outstanding issues in the Middle East, including the aggravated Israeli-Palestinian question."

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Gulf War

Haifa resident Arkin recalls horrors of war

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

"It's a horrifying experience," said Sheila Arkin, formerly of Winnipeg and Toronto, as she described for The CJN the first missile raid on Haifa, where two missiles landed.

A resident of Haifa, Arkin, who was here to address the annual leadership institute of the United Israel Appeal of Canada women's division, was reluctant to talk about the raid but some of her story came out.

The siren awakened her about 3 a.m. and the first thing she did was turn on the radio, which was playing soothing music, even while the siren was wailing. She was alone in a sealed room — her bedroom — but before putting on her gas mask she rushed into another room to get her two dogs and prepare them for the raid. This she did by soaking gauze in sodium bicarbonate and slapping it on the dogs, under muzzles. Then she took a wet cloth to put under the door and put a plastic sheeting over the door. The window was already sealed and by this time the radio was announcing the raid was real . . . and on Haifa.

What do you do next? You put your gas mask on and just sit and wait . . . and it's not until you hear the all clear that you know it's over.

But still you wait until the radio announcer calmly says you can return to normalcy.

But you're almost frozen in time as you wait for the all clear. And you're thankful for the radio because it's your lifeline to the world around you. And you're thankful, too, for the phone calls from friends, including one from her brother in Winnipeg, to find out if you are OK. "Those calls are marvellous," she said. "They're a shot in the arm. They keep you going."

You have all of two minutes to get ready once the sirens sound so you have to work fast. You keep tinned food and bottled water in your sealed room at all times, in case the wait is a long one.

Start worrying at night

Daytime isn't bad for routine living in Israel, she said. It's at night that you start worrying and you almost hope the siren will sound so that the worrying period is over.

Arkin has already lived through the Yom Kippur and the Lebanon wars but this is the first time she has tasted war. In the past she's been a spectator as planes flew overhead to do battle. As a social worker, she has been exempt from military service.

Prof. Allen Pollack, of Jerusalem, told the women gathered for the UIA meeting that Saddam Hussein is waiting for Israelis to rush to air raid shelters when there's an attack, because if gas is used, it floats down and sinks into the ground and into shelters. If people stay in their safe rooms, gas will eventually dissipate and the radio announces when it's safe to go out.

This war, Pollack said, is a different kind of business. It's the first time soldiers at the front call home to see if their families are all right.

He said the first raid warning heard in Jerusalem was almost fun, because the people gathered in the sealed room had a good laugh looking at each other in gas masks. (They're called officially a personal protection kit.) But by the third night, everybody was getting tired and you could feel the tension as it sunk in that Saddam was doing everything he said he would do. "It's difficult to live under these conditions," he added, "but we'll go on living, despite the shock, the horror and the reality of the situation. Because that's Israel. We'll do what we have to do."

Pollack noted that radio does a great job keeping people informed and giving instructions in what to do. He said instructions are repeated in several languages so as many people as possible will understand.

The professor, whose expertise is in the Soviet Union and Russian history, related that a planeload of Soviet Jews was approaching Tel Aviv recently from Hungary while a raid was in progress. The plane didn't land and went back to Budapest. But not one person got off because all wanted to come to Israel to get away from Europe.

Lt.-Col. Yona Gazit, who is the Keren Hayesod emissary in Canada and is an expert on military matters, said, "we have no idea now if we are at the beginning, the middle or near the end of the war." He said Iraq, Kuwait and Israel are the world's biggest testing ground for all the new war technology that has been developed. "It's a missile war," he said. "It's the first push-button war. The guy who is shooting doesn't know what he's hitting and the guy being shot doesn't know what hit him."

From left: Frank Dimant, Jacob Atteslander, and Howard English were in Israel during two Israeli attacks. [Resa Lax photo]

Canadians should back Israel: BBC

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Despite missile attacks and the threat of more to come, two B'nai Brith Canada officials who were in Israel when two attacks took place have urged Canadians to go to Israel to show their support.

"I still say travelling to Israel is safer than being in downtown Manhattan at night," said Howard English, who with Frank Dimant, returned to Canada Jan. 20.

Dimant, executive vice-president, told a press conference: "Israel was prepared to absorb not one but two blows to civilian population centres without any retaliation, in order that the coalition remain intact. No other people were ever asked for such sacrifices. Canada's true friend in the Middle East is Israel."

Dimant said Canadians should now realize that PLO leader Yasser Arafat, "who is mysteriously silent at this time," has lined up with Iraq against Canada.

Dimant said his organization intends to investigate who helped Saddam acquire the gas with which he plans to annihilate the Jewish people and whether there is any connection between them and those who supplied the gas which killed Jews in the Holocaust.

English, director of communications for B'nai Brith, said they went to a sealed room on the fifth floor of their hotel in Jerusalem seven times during the week in response to sirens. Five of the alerts were false.

"In one case, by the time we got ready to go to the shelter we could already see on Israeli TV that missiles had landed at Tel Aviv," he said.

When the attacks took place, they had to stay in the sealed room for 90 minutes with their gas masks on. During the false alarms they were still required to stay for 10 minutes to half an hour.

"The lives of Israelis have been turned upside down," he said. "They sleep in the day and they're awake during the night, listening for sirens, so they can put masks on the children."

The "terrors of the night," are unbelievable with a resulting sense of helplessness, English said.

It is revolting to Jews to realize that Iraq is threatening them with the weapon that annihilated Holocaust victims, he said.

The ability for the people of Israel to survive appears to be limitless, English said. "With their sense of humor and resiliency there is no indication that their internal strength is dissipating."

Dimant said the Canadian students who decided to stay in Israel despite the war are "the real heroes," and he paid tribute to the courage of parents who went to Israel to be with them.

Former SS guard convicted

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Auschwitz survivor Dennis Urstein is gratified that a German court has convicted a former SS guard for murdering gypsies at the notorious Nazi death camp.

Urstein, along with fellow survivors Stanley Golvin of Toronto and Rudolph Vrba of Vancouver, travelled to the town of Zegen near Bonn to testify at the trial 1½ years ago.

Last week, the court found Ernst-August Koenig, 71, guilty of murdering three gypsy inmates and sentenced him to life imprisonment.

Witnesses had told the court that Koenig beat two gypsy men to death and bludgeoned a gypsy woman with a club until she died.

They were among the estimated 20,000 gypsies who were murdered at Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Though Urstein and Vrba were unable to identify Koenig as the man they knew by that name 48 years ago, Urstein said the judgment will make clear to Koenig's family, neighbors and colleagues just what kind of man he is. "They should know he's the man who killed people for no reason," he said.

Koenig, who had identified himself as an "angel of Auschwitz" who never harmed anyone, sat silent and stone-faced as the trial judge read the decision.

Urstein learned when he testified in Zegen that the man he knew in Auschwitz as Koenig was in fact named Kuhneman.

Urstein said Kuhneman is also scheduled to stand trial for murder, with the trial set to begin in about two or three months.

Consulate provides war news in English

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

The Israeli consulate here last week initiated a daily English-language news update available over the telephone, in addition to the recorded Hebrew summary it has been providing for the last two years.

Consul-General Benjamin Abileah explained the free service had been planned for some time but was being implemented now due to the insatiable demand for news stemming from the Persian Gulf War.

He credited Canadian Jewish Congress's community Israel action committee with pushing for the hotline.

Broadcasts, which last from five to six minutes, are based on a translation of a summary of that morning's Hebrew press and information provided by Israel's foreign ministry.

Abileah promised listeners they will be hearing information not previously reported by CNN.

The news can be heard Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. by calling (416) 961-8641.

The news in Hebrew can be heard Monday to Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. and all weekend beginning Friday at 3 p.m. by dialing (416) 961-1127.

News addicts in need of a quick fix can also tune into Kol Israel's English-language shortwave service. All transmissions begin with a newscast.

Broadcasts can be heard at the following frequencies and times: 11605 kHz at 3-3:30 p.m., 5:30-6 p.m., 7-7:30 p.m., 8-8:25 p.m., 9-9:25 p.m., and 12-12:15 a.m.; and 21790, 17575 or 11585 kHz at 6-6:30 a.m.

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Seen as vulnerable country

Possibility of terrorist attacks in Canada seen real

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Canada faces "a very real, very credible" possibility of terrorist attacks because of its role in the Persian Gulf war, says an official of the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies.

Christopher Cushing, research director for CISS, told The CJN that Canada could be a target for terror if Saddam Hussein makes good his threat to unleash attacks on all members of the UN coalition arrayed against him.

The United States, Britain, France and American interests abroad are more likely targets, "but Canada could be on the list," Cushing said.

"I wouldn't be surprised if (terrorist) cells in Canada have one, two or more dedicated agents. We face a very credible, serious threat.

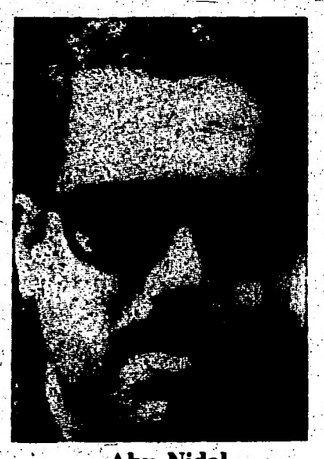
"We're as vulnerable as any other country."

Across Canada, security has been beefed up at all hydroelectric and nuclear power plants, military and government buildings, airports and other facilities.

Security is also very tight at all Jewish communal buildings and schools.

Cushing said the West should be especially watchful of groups led by the following international terrorists:

• Abul Abbas, the mastermind of the 1985 hijacking of the Achille Lauro. He is said to have offered his services to Saddam and to



Abu Nidal

have relocated his headquarters to Baghdad.

• George Habash, the Marxist head of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. He too is reported to have shifted operations to Baghdad.

• Abu Nidal, whose shadowy group claimed responsibility for the 1985 bombing of a Jewish restaurant in Paris and the assassinations of Palestinian moderates. He was reported to be responsible for the recent shooting deaths of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's top two deputies.

But some experts say Saddam's trump card lies in his foreign service. Time Magazine recently quoted a former member of Saddam's feared secret police as saying that about 80 per cent of Iraqi embassy employees overseas work for the secret force, called the Mukhabarat.

A few weeks ago, the U.S. State Department said it has evidence that terrorists supported by Iraq are planning attacks "in most regions of the world."

Canada is aware of a "general potential threat," said Blaine Harvey of the federal Solicitor-General's office. "If we hear of a threat, we track it right down."

Just after the war broke out, Solicitor-General Pierre Cadieux announced Canada had taken "a range of steps to increase security" against potential threats. But he stressed these "are precautionary measures" not taken "in response to any imminent threats."

Cadieux said Canadians "should not be unduly alarmed" by the measures.

Earlier this month, Canada expelled three Iraqi diplomats for security reasons. Last week, it expelled another.

Canada has not been immune to foreign terrorist attacks. In 1982, 250 kilograms of dynamite exploded at Litton Industries northwest of Toronto, injuring four people. A group called Direct Action, an outgrowth of the leftist Baader-Meinhof gang in what was then West Germany, took credit for the attack.

Four years later, when U.S. jets attacked Libya, Ottawa was told that Direct Action had some 780 members in seven cells across Canada.

In 1985, an official at the Turkish Embassy in Ottawa was assassinated by an Armenian-Canadian believed to have acted on his own.

Shortly after, there was a threat by some groups to shut down Toronto's subway system.

Cushing said transit systems, public buildings and other "high-profile" targets are often favored by terrorists.

Following the March 1986 murder of Swedish prime minister Olof Palme by a suspected terrorist, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police created a crack anti-terrorist unit, the Special Emergency Response Team (SERT).

An RCMP spokesman would not tell The CJN whether the SERT squad has been on higher alert since the war with Iraq began.

The RCMP also maintains at its Ottawa headquarters the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC), a kind of crisis centre and information clearing-house in the event of a national emergency.

Simon Kahn of the Canada-Israel Committee told The CJN he has seen Arabic magazines published in the Mideast making reference to some groups recruiting and fundraising in Canada.

Kahn said terrorist groups may attack Canada, but they are more likely to go through Canada to attack the United States.

Barbara McDougall

Any terrorist incident in this country would create "a terrible backlash" against Arab-Canadians, he said.

Gideon Gera, a professor at the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies who is currently at York University's Centre for International Strategic Studies, said Saddam may strike at Canadian targets "just to show that he can reach anywhere."

The role of the Canada's spy agency, the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS), is to gather information on terrorist groups and threats, and pass the data to security forces, a CSIS spokesman said.

Last week, the Canadian Arab Federation called a press conference to protest what it called harassment of Arab-Canadians by CSIS.

The spy agency has admitted to interviewing Arabs in Canada, but the CAF accused it of trying to "intimidate" Canadians of Arab background.

The Arab group said CSIS officers sometimes show up unannounced at Arab homes and are also taking part in wiretapping.

There are about 200,000 Arab-Canadians in this country. The CAF said it has received about 30 complaints from Arabs about CSIS.

Also last week, federal Immigration Minister Barbara McDougall announced that Iraqis and Palestinians now in Canada with visas will have to apply for renewals in person rather than by mail.

As well, no visa will be renewed for more than three months, and each renewal will be handled on a case-by-case basis, McDougall added.

According to Canadian Press, immigration officials last week instructed External Affairs to defer indefinitely the issue of visitor visas to Iraqis and Palestinians at embassies, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Ottawa estimates there are about 1,300 Iraqis in Canada as temporary visitors.

McDougall said Canada will continue its humanitarian tradition of providing refuge to persons displaced by conflict, but that her department is adopting a wait-and-see attitude about special help for Gulf refugees.

Israelis stay calm under SCUD attack

By
PAUL LUNGEN

Not every SCUD missile that landed in Israel received the extensive news treatment offered by the television networks.

While viewers in North America were able to see the destruction and mayhem caused by two missiles that hit Tel Aviv in Iraq's initial assault, reports barely touched on the effects of the remaining eight missiles.

But for Joe Schwarz, who lives near Tel Aviv, it was only "a miracle" that the projectiles that fell nearby didn't claim a life or cause property damage.

Shortly after civil defence air raid sirens sounded, Schwarz, his wife, Sonia, and children, Yo'av and Ilan, "heard several explosions quite close to us." They later learned that several missiles "landed in open fields and in all kinds of places."

One exploded in a yard in front of an apartment building. The nearest miss was about one kilometre away from their home.

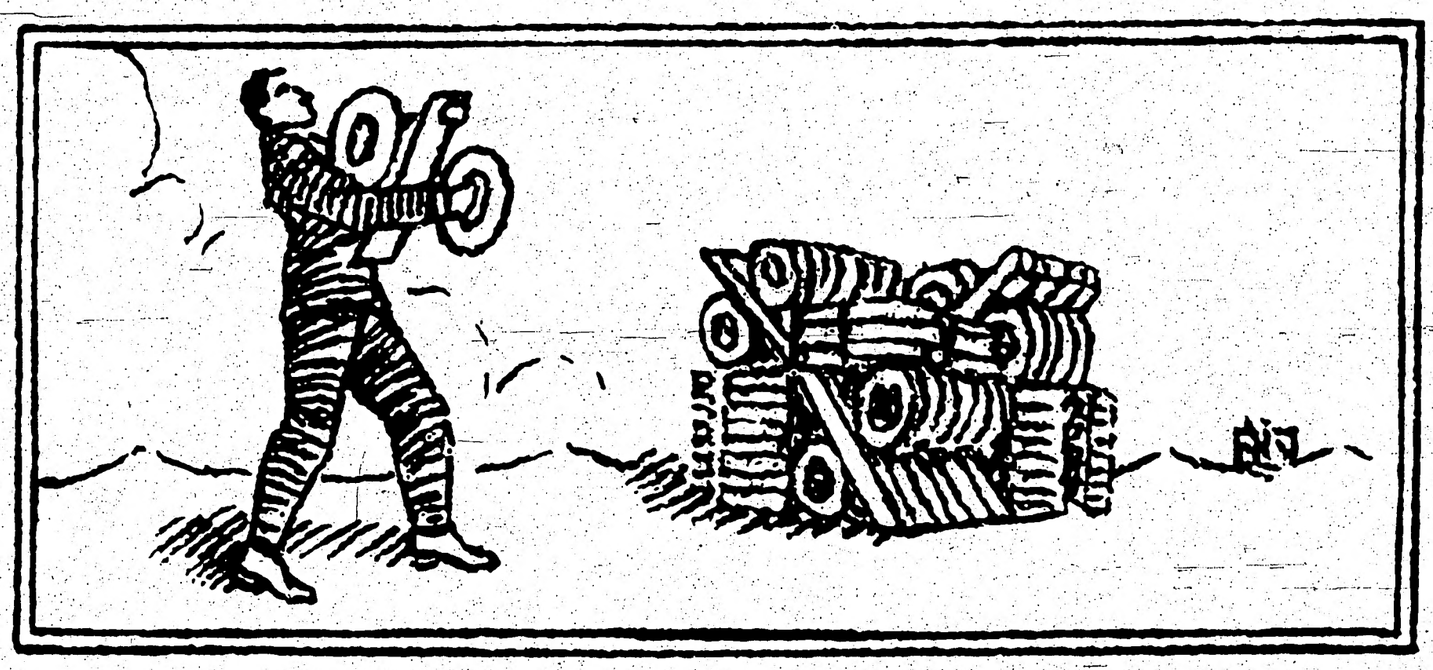
As a result of Saddam Hussein unleashing his terror weapon, "people here are quite tense and apprehensive," he said. "But life is slowly returning to normal. People are brave, resolute and determined to resist panic."

Schwarz, a native of Oshawa, Ont. who made aliya about 11 years ago, said Israelis' confidence level was boosted by the arrival of the U.S.-made Patriot anti-missile system. But civilians have been warned that the Patriot is not foolproof — "that it doesn't seal the country hermetically."

Despite that, Schwarz said the populace has confidence in the government, the media and the civil defence authorities who are preparing them for attack.

He said he could sense no groundswell of anger calling on the government to retaliate. "My impression is that the vast majority of the people support the government in its policies," he said in a telephone interview.

"The general public understands why the government is acting as it did and that the government shouldn't react out of anger."



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Matan Ingram, 3, holds his father's gas mask at the check-in at Ben Gurion Airport. Over 11,000 people left Israel before hostilities broke out in the Persian Gulf. [IPPA photo]

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Israeli restraint may result in U.S. IOUs

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

By not retaliating to Iraqi missile attacks, Israel may have moderated the effects of American "IOUs" promised to its Arab coalition partners, a prominent military analyst said recently.

Author and commentator Gwynne Dyer said intense long-distance negotiations between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and U.S. President George Bush no doubt followed the initial Iraqi attack.

Israeli leverage at that point was at its highest, he said.

"I imagine, being of a cynical bent, that a good deal of the discussion that is taking place between the United States and Israel now, about whether Israel does or does not retaliate, is really about what promises the United States has made to its Arab allies and with what vigor it is going to pursue those promises in the post-Kuwait phase of all this.

"Nobody will be crude enough to say I won't bomb Baghdad if you promise not to twist my arm afterwards about a Middle East peace conference. But the meaning will be clear even if it isn't said all in the same sentence.

"This is where Israel has maximum leverage to diminish future pressures on it because of the IOUs America has got out to its Arab allies on Palestine."

Dyer said the United States, already losing patience with Israel, may have no option but to pressure the Jewish state into attending an international conference.

"The question is what kind of international conference, under what auspices. It can be a conference to discuss everything or a conference that's going to settle things and impose settlements. That's the kind Israel really can't live with."

U.S. IOUs being given to Israel now may be contradictory to those given earlier to its Arab allies, Dyer added.

Dyer suggested that a post-war world could see Saddam Hussein remain as leader of Iraq — though "suitably humiliated and chastised" with his military power knocked down in size and his "exotic weapons" (chemical, biological and nuclear) potential destroyed.

Arabs welcome homeless

SHFARAM (JPFS) —

Scores of Israeli Arabs offered to open their homes to Jews and other Arabs from areas hit by Iraqi missiles.

The invitation followed a call from the national committee of Arab council heads that Israeli Arabs help all those in distress.

"We are all citizens of the same country, and we are all in the same boat," said Ibrihim Nimr Hussein, committee chairman.

"People in Nazareth, in Galilee villages and in the Triangle have said they are willing to take in people whose homes have been damaged or who have nobody else to care for them," said Hussein, who is also mayor of Shfaram.

Halachic experts permit exceptions to Shabbat rules

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The first Shabbat of the Middle East war proved a novel one for Israel's strictly Orthodox community.

Coming in the immediate aftermath of two SCUD missile attacks on Israel from Iraq, pious Jews were not only permitted but encouraged by their rabbis and other Halachic authorities to listen to their radios.

It is the handiest source of news and the most important means by which the authorities can communicate with the public during the national emergency.

Actually, the situation does not pose much of a dilemma to the observant, Orthodox sources in Jerusalem and Bnei Brak told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Whatever involves *pikuach nefesh* — the mitzvah of saving or protecting life — automatically takes priority over Sabbath observance and indeed over all other religious restrictions.

The Chief Rabbinate and the various Orthodox rabbis with very few exceptions had no qualms about counseling believers to keep their radios on during Shabbat.

The Israel Broadcasting Authority provided a special "Orthodox band." It offers news every two hours but no entertainment or musical interludes in between.

A random sampling among Orthodox Jews, however, found that many kept their radios tuned to regular service, which intersperses its news flashes and analyses with entertainment.

Although Israel Radio and the army radio combined their staffs to provide the 24-hour coverage of events, many of the Orthodox were tuned to the BBC or Voice of America, which being non-Jewish were Halachically less problematic than Jewish broadcasting on the Sabbath.

Another Halachic ruling delivered by rabbis in light of the special situation allowed people to start their Shabbat or weekday meals in their dining rooms and say Grace later in their "sealed rooms" if an air-raid warning intervened.

But a problem developed with gas masks. Unless they fit tightly, they offer poor protection against chemical agents.

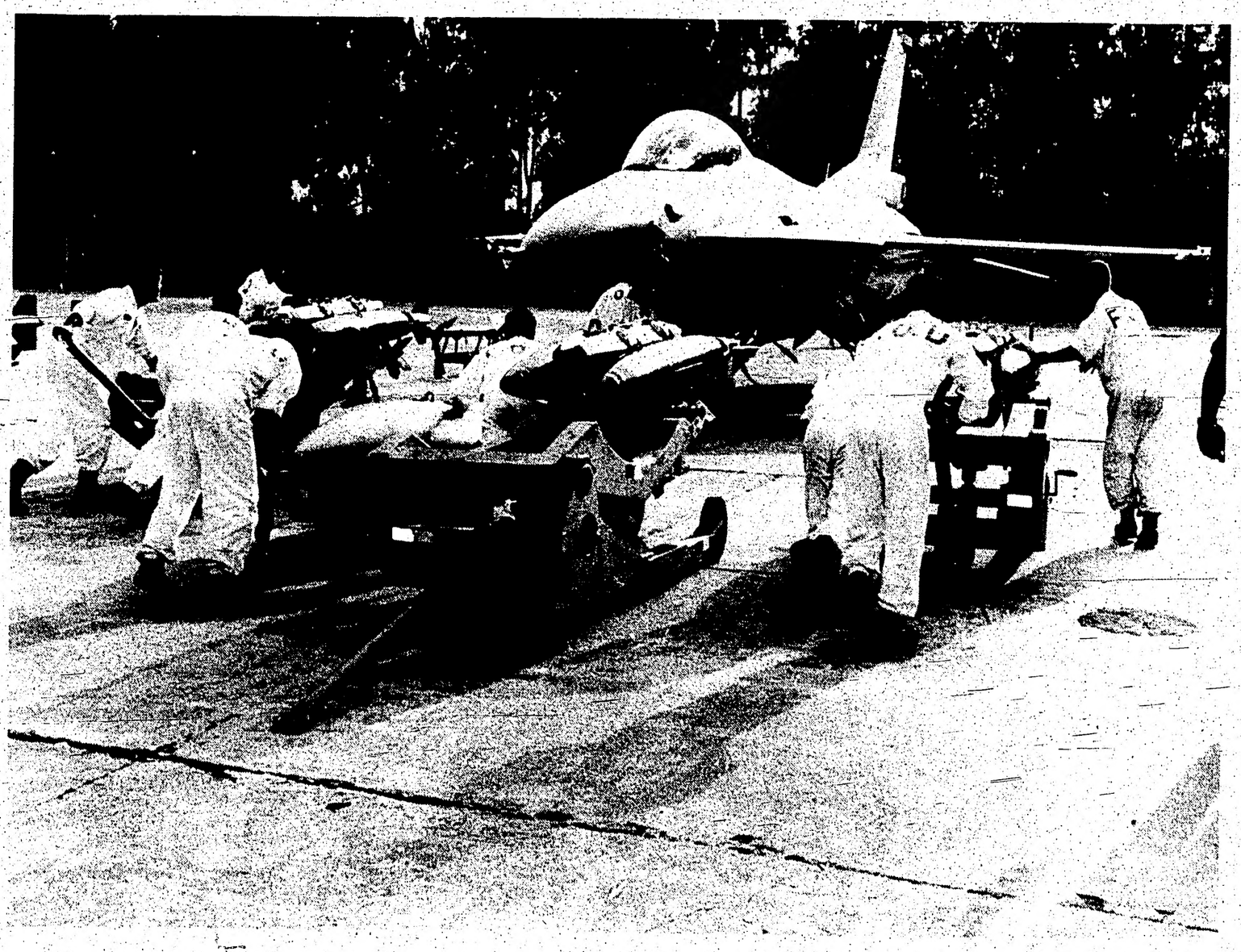
Brig.-Gen. Uri Ram, in charge of all Israeli anti-aircraft defences, stands in front of a battery of Hawk anti-aircraft missiles. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Dialysis treatment continues

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Arab children from the territories are now being transported through roadblocks in military vehicles, despite the curfews, in order to undergo dialysis treatment at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem.

Shaare Zedek has the only pediatric dialysis unit in the country, and many of the patients are Arabs whose kidney function has failed due to genetic disease. Dr. Avi Katz, one of the unit's staffers, noticed in recent days that many of his regular patients from the territories had not arrived for their life-saving cleansing of the blood.



Ground crews load missiles and bombs onto an F-15 fighter at an IAF base. [IPPA photo]

The night 3 SCUD missiles landed in Tel Aviv, so did 886 Soviet Jews

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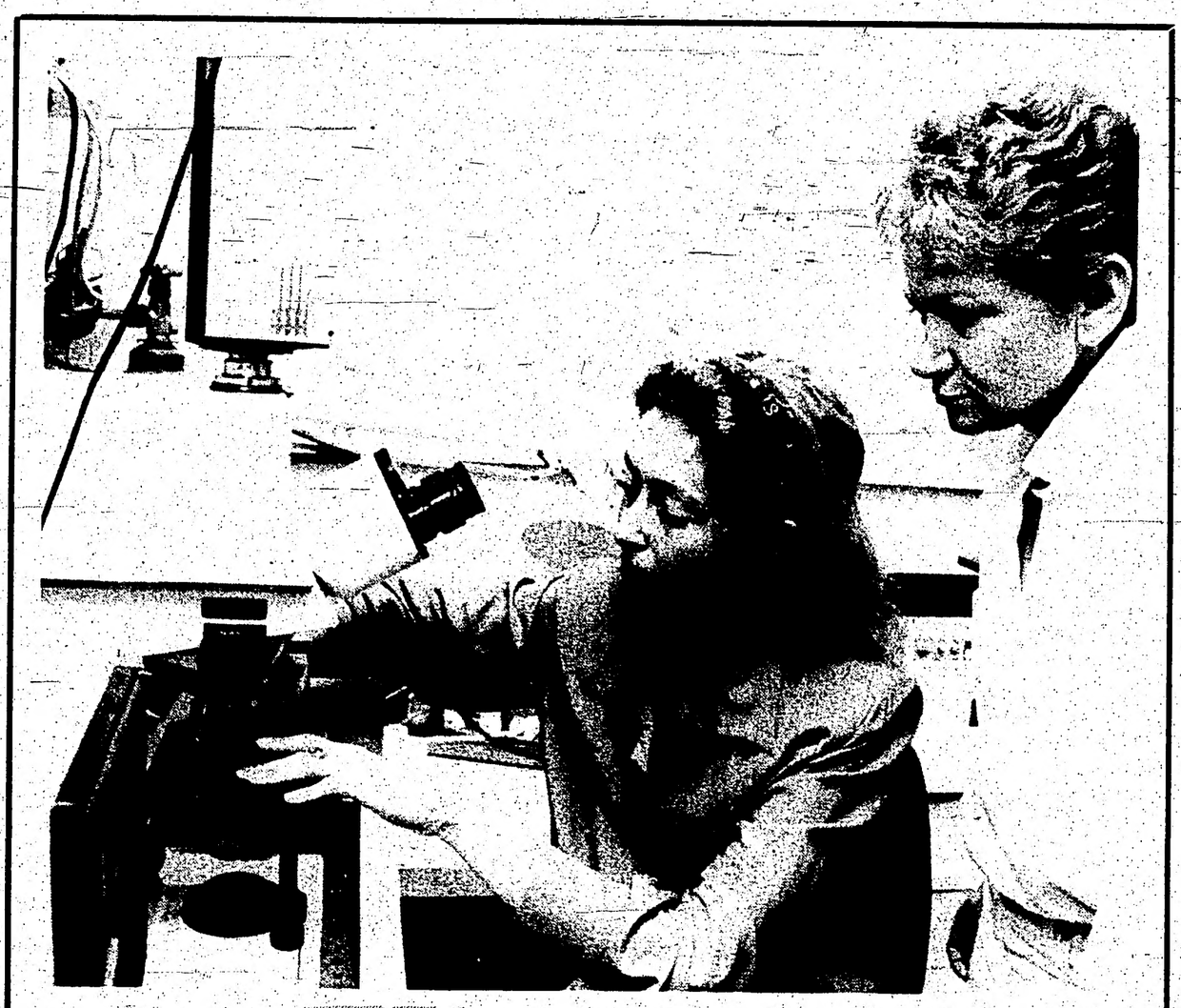

RUSSIAN WORKS AT WEIZMANN

Dr. Katja Goncharova (left) of the U.S.S.R. Research Centre for Cardiology in Moscow is doing research in a Weizmann Institute laboratory within the framework of a co-operation agreement between the two institutions. She is the first Russian post-doctoral fellow at the Weizmann Institute, though she was preceded by other scientists from Eastern Europe. With her is laboratory technician Tova Volberg.

Soviet Jewish exodus must continue: Braun

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — The best thing to do for Soviet Jews is not strengthen their Judaism by shipping them supplies, but "to get them out," says a leader Soviet expert.

Those in the West wanting to bolster Judaism in the Soviet Union by sending books, kosher food and artifacts "are working under an illusion," University of Toronto political scientist Prof. Aurel Braun told the first of four beth midrash lectures at Beth Tzedec Congregation last week.

The Jewish mass exodus from the Soviet Union must continue because no one is more vulnerable to the current turmoil in the U.S.S.R. than Jews, Braun said.

That's because Jews have not developed the strong and growing sense of regionalism seen in the Baltics, Georgia, Armenia and other Soviet republics. Jews, he said, are still considered "rootless cosmopolitans," and as regional affinities and separatist movements grow, their plight will become more and more tenuous.

In the long run, Braun said, "the Soviet Union will neither be Soviet nor a union."

He said leader Mikhail Gorbachev has shown his true colors by crushing democratic movements in Latvia, where elite Soviet "black berets" killed five people two weeks ago, and in Lithuania, where 15 demonstrators were killed the week before.

Gorbachev said he had no knowledge of the Latvia attack, a signal to the West that he may have lost control of his military.

Gorbachev no liberal

"We are concluding treaties of the most sensitive nature with this man. Can you have a stable agreement if the commander of the Soviet armed forces says he has no control of the military?" Braun asked.

Contrary to widespread belief in the West, the Soviet leader is no liberal, Braun said. His foreign minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, resigned recently, saying he fears an imminent dictatorship; both Gobachev's vice-president and prime minister are hardline Communists; and his chief economic advisors, proponents of a free market economy, were recently pushed out.

But the Soviet Union's huge economic problems are not economic in cause, Braun said. They are political.

Gorbachev has lost control of the economy because he has no political credibility. The "vast majority" of Soviets want him to resign, Braun said, because of ethnic tensions, economic disarray and a big increase in crime.

Today, Gorbachev's policy of glasnost (openness) "is associated with chaos, while perestroika (economic restructuring) means deprivation."

Gorbachev may have denounced former leader Joseph Stalin, but he remains faithful to the Soviet Union's founder, Vladimir Lenin, and to Leninism, Braun said.

Gorbachev has moved to the right, "but the right has no use for him. He is a convenient figleaf. He can be replaced."

If Gorbachev is pushed out, the period that would follow would be nationalistic, xenophobic and ultimately, bad for the Jews, Braun warned.

Serious housing shortage seen

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel will face a serious housing shortage during the second half of this year, according to a report issued by the Finance Ministry earlier this month.

The report found that the emergency immigrant housing program adopted by the Israeli government last August has fallen behind schedule.

It also found that the massive wave of Soviet immigrants that arrived in Israel over the last year has pushed up the number of jobless.

The housing and employment situations are expected to worsen as an estimated 300,000 to 400,000 Soviet immigrants arrive here this year.

By comparison, a total of 199,751 immigrants arrived here last year, including 184,493 from the Soviet Union, 4,000 from Ethiopia, 6,400 from other countries of distress and 6,600 from Western countries.

Last year, the Israeli Consulate in Moscow issued 233,308 visas. But Israel sent out over a million "invitations" to Soviet Jews, the affidavits they must submit to the Soviet emigration bureau in order to get visas.

Anticipating that this would produce an even larger flood of immigrants in 1991, the government launched a crash housing program last August. It set a target of 45,000 housing starts for the current fiscal year, which ends March 31.

By the end of December, however, preliminary planning was completed for only 25,000 of these units. Land for only 12,900 of these units had been allocated by the end of December.

The government's program also included plans for 49,500 temporary housing units for 1990 and 1991, to provide shelter until regular housing is built. By the end of December, only 680 mobile homes and 110 prefabricated houses had been set up.

Only 10,000 orders for temporary housing had been placed by this time, about 60 per cent of them abroad.

To meet demand for increased construction of permanent units this year, another 50,000 workers are needed. On Jan. 13, the cabinet approved a proposal by Housing Minister Ariel Sharon to bring in 3,000 foreign construction workers who are experienced in rapid building techniques.

Immigrants boosting rate of unemployment

The use of foreign workers comes at a time when the unemployment rate in Israel is around 10 per cent and rising, mainly because of the influx of new immigrants.

In November, 109,900 persons came to the state Employment Service in search of work, while in December the number rose to 112,000. And those levels are about 20 per cent higher than the rate of a year ago.

The increase in the number of job seekers reflects the fact that the tens of thousands of Soviet immigrants who came during the first few months of last year have now finished their Hebrew studies in ulpan and have entered the labor force.

The Finance Ministry report found that along with an increase in job seekers, there also was a significant increase in requests from employers for workers — but not enough to keep pace with the rapid expansion of the labor force.

About 55 per cent of the Soviet immigrants are expected to join the labor force after their first year in the country, and the number will eventually rise to 60 per cent.

There is a high proportion of engineers, architects, medical professionals and university graduates in the humanities and social sciences among the immigrants — more than the economy can absorb in its present state.

The report projected that about 180,000 new jobs will be created during 1991 and 1992. About 100,000 veteran Israelis are expected to enter the labor market during this time, along with about 200,000 immigrants. According to these projections, there will be a shortage of about 100,000 jobs in two years' time, unless the economy grows at a much faster rate.

Concerning the demographic characteristics of the Soviet immigrants, the report found that they tend to be older on the average than veteran Israelis and to have smaller families. For example, about 10 per cent of veteran Israelis are 65 and older, while 12 per cent of the immigrants are elderly.

The report projects that by the end of 1991, 95,000 of the 600,000 Soviet Jews who will have arrived since January of last year will need special welfare services or special housing due to age, infirmities or family problems.

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American soldiers stand before a U.S. Patriot anti-missile battery deployed in Israel on Jan. 21. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Patriot, SCUD duels highlight week's events

A summary of last week's events in Israel:

Jan. 21: U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat receive warm welcomes as they tour areas bombed by Iraqi SCUD missiles on Jan. 18 and 19. Both Israeli and U.S. officials stress there was no "arms-for-restraint" struck between the two countries, after Israel received additional Patriot missiles and American crews.

In Paris, a senior PLO official says the presence in Israel of U.S. soldiers manning Patriot missiles has effectively brought Israel into the war.

Jan. 22: An Iraqi SCUD missile strikes Ramat Gan, east of Tel Aviv, shortly after 8.30 p.m. in the third and most devastating attack on Israel. Three deaths, two of them from heart attacks, are reported, and about 96 others injured. Property damage is heavy, with about 20 homes destroyed. Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i asks the United States for an addition $13 billion in aid over the next five years to cover the costs of the war, and of rising immigration from the Soviet Union.

Jan. 23: An Iraqi SCUD is intercepted over northern Israel by a joint U.S.-Israeli team operating Patriot missile batteries.

Belgium promises economic aid to Israel after being reproached by Jews for its aloof stand after Israel was hit by Iraqi missiles.

Jan. 24: French President Francois Mitterrand sends a special envoy to Israel to soothe relations shaken by Israeli anger over past French arms deals with Iraq.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer announces that Israeli high schools, closed since Jan. 18, will reopen Sunday, Jan. 27, with students from Grade 10 and up resuming classes but being required to carry gas masks at all times.

Jan. 25: Seven SCUD missiles are fired at Tel Aviv and Haifa from western Iraq. But it is unclear how many landed, how many were intercepted or how much of the damage was caused by falling debris or unexploded Patriots falling back to earth. There is one death and 40 injuries reported.

Germany offers to send Israel several Patriot missile batteries apparently no shipment has been agreed upon.

Flowers, gas masks greet olim

Soviet Jews keep coming

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — When a missile attack warning sounded at Tel Aviv, a plane with 200 Soviet olim turned back to Bucharest in Romania, the transit point, and waited on the ground for five hours. Every immigrant was given the chance to stay behind in Bucharest when the attack was confirmed. When the plane landed at Ben Gurion airport at noon on Friday all 200 were still aboard.

This incident, transmitted by Allen Pollack of United Israel Appeal, to the Toronto office of UIA, illustrates the determination of Soviet Jews to reach Israel despite the dangers.

Since the missile attacks on Israel, 900 Soviet and Ethiopian olim have arrived. Some were handed flowers and gas masks and rushed to nearby vacant hotels. They were brought back later to complete their paper work at the airport.

Not one flight of Soviet olim has been cancelled or delayed, Simcha Dinitz, Jewish Agency chairman, has announced. If the situation in Israel is such that the planes cannot land safely, the immigrants will be held at the transit points, an Agency spokesman said. Arrangements have already been made to care for them there until they can finish their flights, he added.

A total of 7,000 Soviet Jews had arrived in Israel in January by Jan. 15, two days before the missile attacks started. This is well below the rate in December when 35,000 came in, but Agency officials said one reason for the heavy influx in December was because some exit visas expired Dec. 31.

It is expected that 20,000 Soviet olim will reach Israel in January despite the war. A total of 25,000 Soviet Jews a month are still applying to the Israel consulate in Moscow for visas to Israel, the Agency said.

Lena Egenberg, a 23-year-old student from Moscow, told Herb Keinon of the Jerusalem Post, that even with the falling missiles she feels safer than in Moscow. "In Moscow I couldn't go outside after seven at night. There is nothing there: no future, no food. The situation here with the gas masks is only for a little while."

Sonya Kostinasky, an English teacher from Kiev who landed the night before the first missile attack, is taking the situation in stride. "I'm not afraid because everyone seems calm," she said. "It is nice to see such organization." Kostinasky said she heard about the outbreak of the Gulf war while in flight from Budapest. "I knew the situation was dangerous but I didn't think there would be missiles here," she said.

Kostinasky is sitting the current crisis out with Zina Finkelberg, a friend in Netanya who immigrated a year ago. Finkelberg said she would not let Kostinasky or her family go to a hotel in Netanya as planned until the situation calms down.

Les Scheininger, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said the CJC has been assured that the Soviet aliya will go on without let-up. "We are extremely pleased about that," he said.

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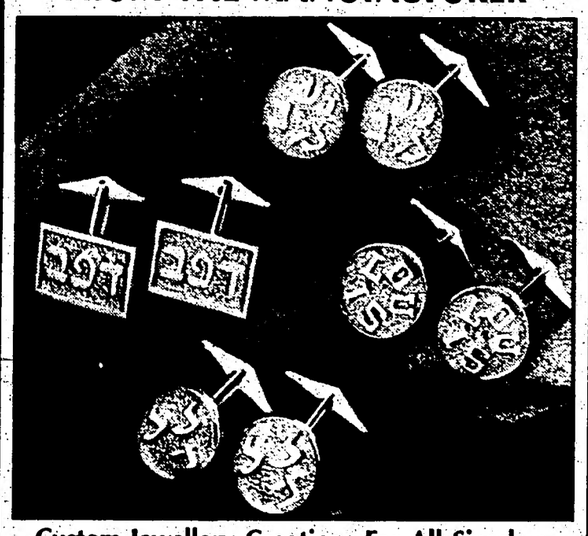

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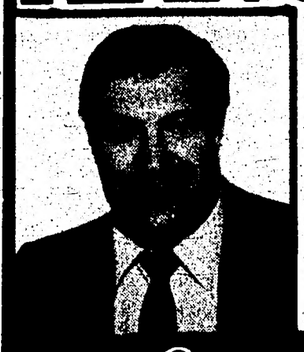

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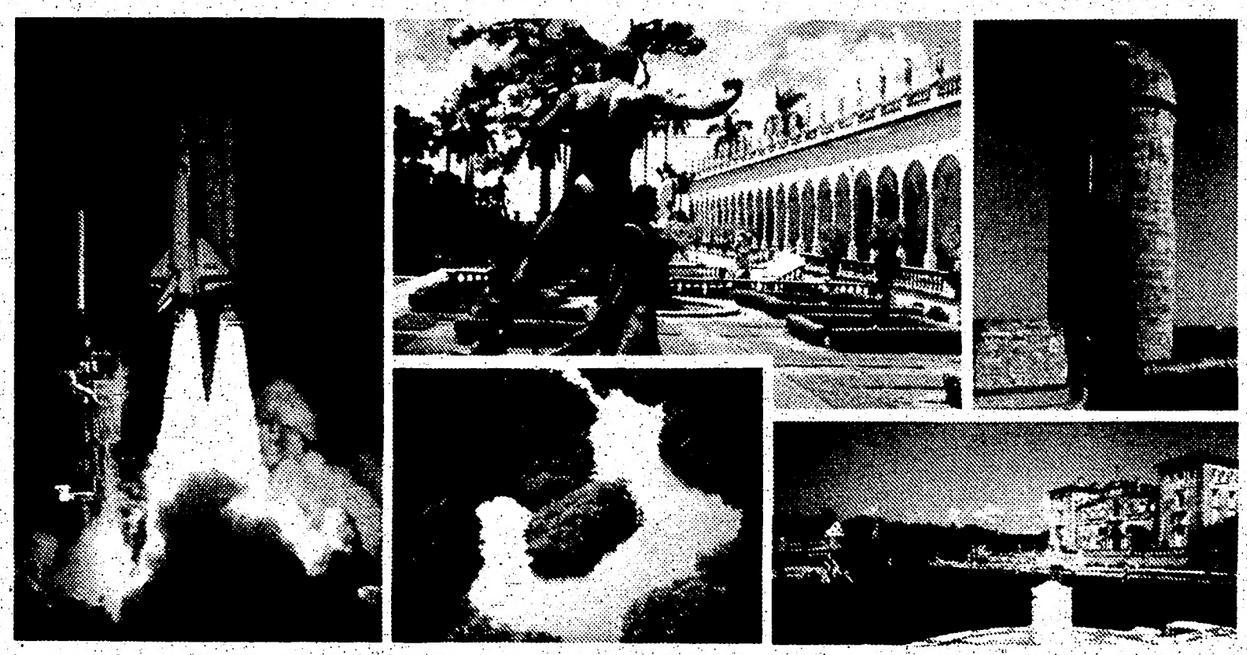

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SCUDs bring home threat to security

Not since the Second World War, when V-1 and V-2 rocket bombs fell on London, have missiles launched at a civilian population so rivetted the attention of the world. The bombardment of cities in Israel, which has resolutely remained a non-combatant in the Gulf war, has been seen in real time. Now we all know the difference between the warning siren and the all-clear, and the faces of CNN's two Richards, Roth and Blystone, are as familiar to us as Edward R. Murrow's voice was to an earlier generation.

The intensity of the coverage has gripped a worldwide audience with the terror of random death from the sky, and has shown the courage and determination of ordinary Israelis in facing it. But for the Israelis, there is no small irony in the sudden focus on the threat they face.

For them, the threat is nothing new. For years, missiles have fallen on their northern towns. Called Katyusha rockets, they are smaller and non-ballistic, but they have maimed and killed as surely as any SCUD can. And they too are Soviet-made.

Now, the context is different. The SCUDs are falling as part of a wider war, fought by a coalition which is led by the United States, supported by the U.S.S.R., and which includes a number of Arab states. Israel's contribution to the war has, up to now, been one of restraint in the interests of preserving the coalition, a contribution for which she has been justly praised.

When the Katyushas fell on northern Israel, there were no TV crews present. Skirmishes along the northern border and in the security zone are reported in news briefs, if at all. But for the children of Kiryat Shemona, whose regular school instruction includes bomb shelter drills, the threat is ever-present.

Israel has taken no part in the Gulf war, except to be attacked. But in a very real way, Israel is always under attack. Rockets fired into northern Israel, the constant threat of terrorism from the sea — which almost became a bloody reality last May — did not appear to have convinced the world of the precariousness of Israel's existence.

Now that the SCUD attacks have brought that reality home, Israelis have the right to expect more than sympathy. They have the right to a full understanding, on the part of all those who would offer them advice, of their need for secure and defensible borders.

Pastoral letter a welcome start

A pastoral letter signed by Poland's bishops and bearing the signature of Josef Cardinal Glemp (he of the Auschwitz convent controversy) was read on Sunday, Jan. 20 during masses in all Roman Catholic churches in Poland.

The letter is a significant occurrence in the history of Polish-Jewish relations because it acknowledges both the long residence of the Jewish people in the Polish nation and the tragedy which befell Jews in Poland during the Nazi occupation.

Couched in carefully wrought prose, the letter speaks of the deaths of millions of Jews in Poland during that period and suggests that the perpetrators of the crime sought to dishonor Poland, adding that "one cannot dishonor a land by the death of innocent victims."

While referring to the fact that hundreds if not thousands of Poles helped save Jewish lives during the Holocaust, the pastoral document expresses contrition about those among the Polish nation who, through indifference or other means, caused the death of Jews.

The most dramatic portion of the pastoral letter records the bishops' pleas for forgiveness for all incidents of anti-Semitism "which were committed at any time or by anyone on Polish soil." It describes anti-Semitism as "contrary to the spirit of the Gospel and . . . the Christian vision of human dignity."

Fifty-one years after the end of the Second World War, the Roman Catholic Church has finally spoken out against the social pathology which victimized millions of Jews on Polish soil. What prompted the issuance of this pastoral letter is undoubtedly the recrudescence of vulgar anti-Semitism which accompanied the Polish presidential election late last year. Unfortunately, the bishops did not see fit at that time to condemn the anti-Jewish smear tactics which marred the campaign.

But better late than never. We can hope that this pastoral letter will help to introduce a new spirit of tolerance towards Jews and Judaism in Poland. This will not come overnight, but at least a start has been made.

TO THE EDITOR:

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CRITIC NOW SUPPORTS ISRAEL

I have been an outspoken critic of Israeli-Middle East events. I must now acknowledge, publicly, the courage of the Israeli people and government and commend them for the strength of character they have demonstrated by their exercise of self discipline and restraint "beyond the call of duty" in the present crisis.

The State of Israel has proved, beyond doubt, its willingness and determination to "walk the extra mile" — and further — and to forsake knee jerk violence in the interests of long term peace.

This is certainly a different way of handling crisis and provocation than was seen with respect to Lebanon in 1982; the moral and ethical fibre demonstrated is deserving of the highest praise and admiration.

Israel has earned more goodwill from the Western world in the last several days than is possible to measure and, I am certain, that will serve it in good stead in the debates and discussions that must take place after the Gulf crisis is over.

It would be most productive if some observers from the Arab-Palestinian world take note that this is the "high road" to peace in the region.

Boris G. Freesman, Q.C.
Toronto

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BEFORE THE MISSILES FELL

The deadline has passed. I am writing these words on the morning after the night of Jan. 15 while the tension is unbearable. The deepest emotions of fear, anxiety and concern for world security, loss of human lives and the fate and the future of Israel are gnawing away at our hearts. We await developments with trepidation, wishing it were over already.

It is difficult to be an Israeli serving in the Diaspora right now. I feel that I should be at home, where I belong, with those nearest and dearest to me, but there are tasks to be fulfilled, and I simply do my best to concentrate on the job at hand and to perform to the best of my ability.

As an outsider I am permitting myself the liberty of making a few observations.

Modern Jewish history has shown that at times of stress and imminent danger, the Jewish people tend to draw together. Clearly it is a need of ours to be with our own, to speak with those who understand the common anxieties, and to feel comfort in togetherness. The expressions of solidarity with the State of Israel is a natural, heartfelt outcome of these needs.

However, there appears to be an underlying problem with sentiments expressed at such times. The repetitive statements, "We are one," "We are united," "We must show a united front" are misleading and inappropriate.

Firstly, on the local community level, it is an affront to intelligent thinking people to expect them to abandon their beliefs and opinions because they are not in line with the philosophies of certain outspoken speakers who embroider their ideas with statements about the importance of maintaining a united front.

"We don't expect people to change their opinions," you will be told, but in times like this it is essential to be unified. Really? And who decided which of the many legitimate views will be the one to represent the Jewish Community?

Secondly, on a broader level, it is clear that we are not "one." Those who are attending solidarity meetings in Canada are a branch of a diverse, varied, wonderful people, coming from different countries, with varied customs, different colored-skins, a multitude of language and backgrounds. Furthermore, we have varied political beliefs and are proud of it.

As I write, the Jews who have chosen to make their home in the State of Israel are living in the shadow of a threatened Iraqi attack. It is the Israelis who are under attack, not the Canadian Jews in this instance, as during the last 42 years of struggles and wars, it is the Israelis who are physically fighting for survival. Them alone.

Statements such as, "We will pray, we will be strong, we will fight," should perhaps be ammended to "We will pray, we will be strong, they will fight." Statements such as "we stand together" should perhaps simply be avoided. Israelis know that they stand alone and that is the harshest truth.

Israel — Diaspora relations have a history of ups and downs. The Six Day War, then the Yom Kippur War, were pivotal points in changes in this rocky relationship.

It seems to me that January 1991 will be written in the annals of modern Jewish history as the time when Jewish Diaspora families called their children home; as the time when "foreigners" — "fellow Jews" fled the State of Israel at a time of crisis.

If ever there was a feeling of "we" and "they" it is now. The damage in our bumpy, treacherous relationship will require many hours on the couch of modern psychology in order to be mended.

Let us hope and pray that this present crisis will pass, that the Iraqi threat will be removed from the arena, that the price in human lives will be as minimal as possible, and that Israel can deal with the very real challenges it faces this decade.

Dina Bookman
Shlicha-Habonim-Dror
Montreal

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Chaim Weizmann

WEIZMANN FIRST PRESIDENT

I was horrified to read in J. B. Salsberg's column in the Jan. 3 issue that Ben-Zvi was the first president of the State of Israel.

Surely everyone (especially Mr. Salsberg, and certainly anyone at a Jewish newspaper) should know that the first president of the State of Israel was Chaim Weizmann.

Shouldn't you be more careful? Shouldn't Mr. Salsberg?

Clara Smith
Toronto

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APPEAL AGAINST RACISM

Once again we find ourselves involved in a war. But, unlike the wars that Canada has faced in the past, this has become a television war where everyone with a set has the means to transfer themselves to the front lines. Lost in this television Rambo world it's easy to take sides. Unfortunately, falling into this trap steers Canada into a far more hideous world than that presented by a Saddam Hussein — the world of racism.

With today's television coverage it's possible to see not only the whites of the enemy's eyes but to listen as modern-day weapons take their toll on innocent men, women and children who find themselves unfortunate enough to make their homes in the areas designated by the military as "prime." As a multicultural country, Canada is home to many Arabs who have families and loved ones in these areas.

A ground battle against Iraq will soon be in clear view of us all. As the bodies fall they will be dragged through the living rooms of every home in Canada. Who can blame the children watching for thinking that the Arabs of the opposing side are no different from those found in an Indiana Jones movie?

Never has there been a more important time to remind our children that this country owes what it has today to those of other origins, including Arabs, who, over the years, have made their way to our shores to begin a new life.

Remember that the racism bred through this war will linger long after the message that informs someone that the person they love will not be coming home.

Ben Wicks
Board of Directors
Canadian Council of Christians and Jews
Toronto

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AGAINST JEWS TO GERMANY

I wish to express my concern over recent media reports indicating that the German Jewish community is putting pressure on its government to increase the quota of Soviet Jewish refugees being admitted into Germany.

This effort flies in the face of world Jewry's massive campaign to help fund the transportation and resettlement of Soviet Jewry in Israel — the most logical destination of all Jews fleeing persecution.

While Israel has much to offer Soviet Jewry (and, of course, vice versa) the most compelling factor for encouraging the aliya of Soviet Jewry to Israel is the uncontrasted fact that the vast majority of Soviet Jews who emigrate to countries other than Israel quickly shed what little is left of their Jewish identity and assimilate into their non-Jewish surroundings.

For decades we have been fighting to free Soviet Jewry from a society that did all it could to destroy their identity. Have we fought all of these battles and finally gained victory, only to watch the recipients of our efforts — our Soviet Jewish brothers and sisters — disappear into the ranks of yet another society?

Michael Alter
Toronto

name game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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SOLOVEICHIK — RYBOLOW

The surnames of many prominent Jews owe their origin to Slavonic ornithology.

	German Equivalent
Soloveichik — nightingale	Nachtingall
Rybolow — seagull	Seemoeve
Balaban — hawk	Falke
Golub — dove	Taube
Kanarek — canary	Kanarienvogel
Kawka — jackdaw	Dohle
Kogut — rooster	Hahn
Lebeder — swan	Schwan
Orlov, Orzel — eagle	Adler
Sokol(nik) — falcon(er)	Falke
Sorokin — magpie	Elster
Strus — ostrich	Strauss

Advocate revolutionary political strategy

Extreme Islamic factions plan to destroy Israel

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

In a recent column, I made reference to the rise of Islamic fundamentalism, which threatens to become the major political engine in the Middle East. Its extreme faction, which sails under various titles, such as Islamic Jihad and Hamas, is more than the expression of a personal faith with which no one should quarrel. It is, in effect, a revolutionary political strategy backed up by religious ideology, and that is not only open to criticism, but deserves to be exposed for what it is.

Rabbi Plaut

The Anti-Defamation League describes Islamic Jihad as "a shadowy militant splinter group of the Moslem Brotherhood which became active in the Gaza Strip in the early 1980s. While the Brotherhood — an Islamic political movement founded in Egypt in 1928 — advocates a gradual process of Islamicization to precede the confrontation with Israel, Islamic Jihad favors an immediate violent revolution to achieve the goal of destroying Israel and replacing it with an Islamic state. Toward this end its leadership elevated the principle of Jihad (holy war) equal to that of the five basic religious injunctions of Islam."

Add that to the fact that Islamic Jihad preaches anti-Semitism as part of its campaign to destroy Israel. In one of its pamphlets, we can read this: "The Jews are the sons of Satan who corrupt the land . . . The Jews are the brothers of monkeys, the murderers of prophets, bloodsuckers, warmongers."

Sheikh Assad Tamimi is Jihad's spiritual leader. He was deported from Israel for his violent activities and has openly advocated the murder of Jews. When Iraq president Saddam Hussein threatened to annihilate Israel with chemical weapons, Tamimi said, "I hope he is as good as his word."

The other major fundamentalist movement is Hamas, which calls itself the Islamic resistance movement. The name Hamas is an acronym meaning "zeal" and originated in the Territories at the beginning of the intifada. It is considered the military wing of the Moslem Brotherhood.

Hamas has been more successful than Jihad because, along with its ideology, it has managed to create a large array of religious, social and educational services for Palestinian Arabs in the Territories. Unlike Jihad, Hamas is a presence in the daily life of the West Bank and Gaza. According to the ADL report, Hamas commands between 20 and 40 per cent of the Arab population, and this support is particularly high in Gaza, where the organization captured a significant share of seats in various elections.

Like Jihad, Hamas too advocates violence and terror in order to destroy Israel. It, too, bases itself on the anti-Semitic writings of the Brotherhood, and two years ago laid down its program, which included the following:

"Our enemies have been plotting from time immemorial to reach the position they have attained. They strive to collect enormous material riches to be used in the realization of their dream. With money they have gained control of the international media. They have instigated revolutions in different parts of the world to further their interests and reap their fruits. They were behind the French Revolution and the Communist Revolution. After Palestine, they aspire to further expansion. Their plan is contained in the Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

Hamas is not currently part of the PLO, which it refuses to join because the PLO has recognized "the Jewish entity" and Hamas rejects UN resolutions 181, 242 and 338. Its ideology emphasizes that the only correct option to liberate Palestine is war.

As I wrote before, the major worry in all of this is the infusion of religious ideology into what is basically an ethnic and national confrontation. The latter will be open to accommodation more easily than the former, for religious conviction will shun compromise if possible.

Once again Canada confronts anti-Jewish adversary

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

My husband and I are children of the Second World War. Our earliest memories are very different, but they are all bound up with war.

His are of the plumed helmets of Italian troops in Nice, where his parents had fled from Paris; and later, with the entire country under German control, of Neret, a hamlet in central France, and of the family there who cared for him until his parents returned from hiding in Lyons.

Mine are of the skirl of pipes and of a train station crowded with soldiers; and of my mother's face as she read the telegram informing her of her younger brother's death in action in Italy.

We have lived through a number of wars since, in France, in Canada, and, during the Vietnam and Six-Day wars, as students in the United States. Each one has wrenched our emotions, as Jews and as human beings — American members of my family were in Korea and Vietnam. But this war has, like none other before it, taken us back to those earliest memories and entwined the experience of an Anglo-Canadian child safe across the Atlantic and a Jewish child at risk in Nazi-occupied Europe.

The Second World War was the war to end wars. All of us who lived through it, who lost family in the camps or on the battlefield or in the blitzed cities, hoped and prayed that that would prove true. But we also knew that one side alone could not prevent a war. Wars fought for trade or for territory, we believed, could and should be prevented, and so the United Nations was born. But as Ethiopia and Manchuria and Czechoslovakia and Poland and the infamous pact between Hitler and Stalin had shown, no negotiations could stop a war when one side would not agree to negotiate, or would honor an agreement only so long as it served its ambition.

Fifty years ago the Allies, who had gone very far indeed in the search for peace, found themselves dragged into war — two of the "Big Three," the United States and the U.S.S.R., only after being attacked by an enemy that had had precious extra years to prepare. What that cost in lives, civilian and military, is incalculable.

The Second World War was also the war of the Holocaust, and the policies of appeasement and isolationism that postponed its outbreak encouraged the ruthlessness of its Nazi perpetrators. When the Munich Pact ratifying Hitler's dismemberment of Czechoslovakia was signed on Sept. 29, 1938, Britain's prime minister, Neville Chamberlain, announced "peace in our time." There was no peace for the Jews. Kristallnacht took place on Nov. 9, 1938.

And so we learned that war was awful; that people, soldiers and innocent civilians alike, died. We also learned that a peace that left aggression and depravity unchecked was worse.

In the Gulf war, the threads of Jewish and Canadian experience have come together. As Canadians and as Jews we are confronting an adversary who has made it clear that he would rule his part of the world with the ruthlessness and cruelty he has shown to his own people. We are also confronting an adversary who has made it clear he intends to destroy all Jews within his reach.

Those who talk of peace through negotiations forget that Saddam Hussein used peace to prepare for war. And those who accept linkage of his invasion of Kuwait with the Palestinian question forget that for Saddam, the only solution is to destroy the Jewish state.

Canada is once again involved in war. Canadian fathers — and mothers — are once again saying goodbye to children at dockside and at airports instead of train stations. As I watch this, the memories tug at me. Those Canadians, like my father and my uncles 50 years ago, are doing their duty.

But as I see the television footage of missiles falling on Tel Aviv and Haifa, and of Israelis wearing gas masks and placing their babies in gas-proof tents, other memories pull at me, memories not my own. They are the memories of the villagers of Neret, who hid Jews and joined the Resistance; and of my husband's family in France, who survived, and of his family in Galicia, who did not.

Our children have been raised in peace. But we cannot forget that they were born because others were willing to go to war when the search for peace failed. We remember the cost of peace at any price.

My mother and I say goodbye to my father at the Windsor, Ont. train station in May 1940.

Something must be done

J.B. Salsberg

J.B. is paying his annual visit to Florida. His weekly column will resume when he returns; in the meantime we are receiving occasional reports from him.

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Since my arrival in Florida over a week ago, I am rivetted to an all-news TV station in my own room. I turn it on as soon as I awake in the morning and watch it until I go to bed.

I saw ravaged Tel Aviv streets. I saw families in Israel in front of their ruined homes and asked "What am I doing here in Florida?" My friends say, "What would you do if you were in Toronto?" So I haven't been on the beach, although the building I'm in is on the beach facing the Atlantic.

I watched many times the evil dictator Saddam Hussein and wondered how such a creature could still be alive. The latest I hear is that he is burning the oil wells of Kuwait and I saw the smoke coming out of the oil wells he is destroying and I say to myself, "What a world we live in."

I know he will perish, but how many innocent people will perish as a result of his inhuman behavior. And I say to myself, if there ever was a just war, this war that has been launched against him is certainly such a war.

I, with other Torontonians here, was cheered by the news of the massive meeting held in Toronto by Toronto Jewry. One feels so helpless here and yet one feels like screaming to the world that something be done. I hope that the joint military effort under U.S. leadership, of which Canada is a part, will succeed and perhaps kindle hope in the hearts of all decent people.

Anti-war demonstrators pick and choose conflicts

By
AMNON RUBINSTEIN

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

The anti-war demonstrators live in a world sealed to all reason and wear masks blinkering them to everything except their empty slogans.

We are sitting in our sealed rooms, gas masks and all, hearing over the radio more news about these mass demonstrations in European cities — protesting against the war in the Gulf, railing against "blood for oil." What exactly are all these thousands marching against? Surely not against war itself; never a disparaging word was heard from them when, for eight years, Iran and Iraq spilled the blood of their youth in a senseless, meaningless war. And yet, in that war alone — not to mention scores of fratricidal wars on the African continent — many more people have died than the number of victims who will alas fall in the action taken by the United States against the bloody tyrant from Baghdad.

If not war per se, then what is the root cause of all this sound and fury which resounds in Berlin, Paris and Madrid? Perhaps they are aroused, as many suspect, only when Europeans, or "whites," are the warriors and oppressors? But even this rather strange excuse does not explain the silence of these same demonstrators in the face of the events in Vilnius: On the very same days on which they raised their banners and prostrated themselves in front of American embassies, Russians shot and killed Lithuanian civilians, whose only crime was their attachment to their fledgling democracy.

Do they demonstrate against the use of modern weapons of mass-destruction? If so, where were they when Saddam's thugs used such weapons against Iraq's peaceful neighbors? Were they perchance on holiday when the Iraqi ruler massacred Kurds with poison gas?

The simple truth is that these people take to their streets and vent their anger not against war, not against injustice, but against the United States.

This anti-American venom has become part of a semi-hereditary political instinct: they (or their parents) screamed "Yankee, go home" when America undertook to resuscitate their war-shattered economies in the '50s; they burned U.S. president Ronald Reagan's effigy when he insisted on defending them against Soviet nuclear blackmail, an insistence which eventually brought about a partial nuclear disarmament; and now they are vilifying U.S. president George Bush for carrying out, under the auspices of the United Nations, a just and honorable mission: to restore law and order to lands which Saddam seeks to dominate through terror and brute force.

In the past, such anti-American outbursts were brushed aside as the frustrated tantrums of the poor European relative against an over-generous, overbearing, overprotective Uncle Sam. Nobody, it seems, except Israel, loves his benefactor.

But now that Europe is rich and getting richer, and the United States is bogged down in economic troubles and is reduced to begging its former enemies for donations to the war chest, what remains? Nothing except for instinct; nothing except for the old banners, aired and paraded periodically against a nation which periodically saves mankind from tyranny.

Missing is just one more demonstration — the one which would accompany America's eventual decision to let the Europeans fend for themselves and really go home. In the meantime, all we are saying is that it is not we who are sheltering in the sealed room. The millions who march in the cities of Europe and America itself — not to mention Down Under — are perhaps well-intentioned and highly motivated, but their world is sealed to all reason and on their heads they wear a mask through which they see nothing, hear nothing — except their own empty slogans.

(Amnon Rubinstein is head of the left wing Shinui Knesset faction)

Features

Restraint pays off

U.S.-Israeli ties improve after missile attacks

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

There is a ray of light amid the darkness of a besieged Israel trying to fend off a barrage of Iraqi SCUD missiles. Israel's relationship with the United States, its most important ally and chief benefactor, has improved dramatically since Saddam Hussein unloosed his deadly projectiles on Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Israel is absorbing pain and making sacrifices so as not to get militarily involved in the Gulf war. At the behest of the United States, Israel not only refrained from launching a pre-emptive strike against Iraq, Israel continues to exercise self-restraint in the face of brazen Iraqi missile attacks designed to hurt and demoralize the Jewish state, transform the war into an Arab-Israeli struggle and break up the multinational coalition fighting Iraq.

Even if Israel responds to Iraq's unprovoked aggression, which most Israelis expect sooner or later, Israel will not be faulted for flexing its muscles.

Every nation, as Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak acknowledged recently, has the right to self-defence.

As Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir intimated, Israel will eventually strike back, but will not react in a futile tit-for-tat manner. As he put it: "It isn't a question of ping-pong, you hit me, I'll hit you."

For now, however, Israel's restraint has paid dividends, both in terms of its ties with the United States and its international image.

Israel's relations with the United States had deteriorated before this crisis, the downturn caused by a number of factors: disputes over the status of the territories (including East Jerusalem), Israeli settlements, Israel's attitude to the peace process and the United States' dialogue with the PLO (which Washington severed last June after Yasser Arafat refused to condemn a botched Palestine Liberation Front terrorist raid on Israel's coastline).

After Iraq's invasion of Kuwait last August, President George Bush telephoned world leaders to canvas their support for U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf. Shamir was among the handful of leaders to whom he did not speak, sending him two letters instead. That Bush and Shamir did not have the best of personal relations was common knowledge. Bush regarded Shamir as inflexible and shortsighted. Shamir believed that Bush and his secretary of state, James Baker, were not as committed to Israel as Bush's predecessor, Ronald Reagan.

Compounding the bitterness was Washington's insistence that Israel lie low during the Gulf crisis. Israeli decision makers naturally wondered whether Israel had lost its raison d'etre as an American strategic ally in the Middle East.

Since the start of hostilities in the Gulf, however, there has been a sea change in Israel-U.S. relations. For the first time in nearly six months, Israel and the United States are consulting closely and co-ordinating strategy. No longer is the United States shunning Israel like an embarrassing relative.

•In the past 12 days, Bush and Shamir have conferred on the phone more often than in the previous two years. Bush has expressed "outrage" at Iraq's missile attacks. He has commiserated with Israel's anguish. He has complimented Israel's restraint. And he has thanked Israel for its "great understanding" in respecting U.S. and allied interests in the Gulf, at a time when Iraq clearly hopes to embroil Israel in the war and splinter the coalition.

•Bush sent Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger and Undersecretary of Defence Paul Wolfowitz to Israel, not once but twice. Eagleburger has remained in Israel as Bush's personal emissary to co-ordinate strategy vis-a-vis Iraq. Eagleburger was quoted as saying that "we have a common cause with Israel now."

•In an emergency airlift involving more than 40 giant C-5A Galaxy transport planes, the United States shipped two batteries of Patriot air defence missiles, together with their crews, to Israel. It was the first time in Israel's existence that American troops, said to number in the vicinity of 100, were stationed on Israeli soil for the purpose of helping defend Israel against one of its enemies.

On the first day of the war, allied planes bombed Iraqi missile emplacements in western Iraq posing a threat to Israel. Further strikes were called after Iraqi SCUDs struck Tel Aviv and Haifa. When Tel Aviv was hit by a second round of SCUDs, the United States rushed the Patriots and their crews to Israel, a necessity explained by the fact that Israelis are still in Texas learning how to use the complex Patriot system, which the Bush administration originally shipped to Israel last autumn.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir (right) meets with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger in Jerusalem.

•In a calculated show of support for Israel, the United States has ordered the aircraft carrier Forrestal to Israeli waters.

By its restraint, Israel stands to be the recipient of U.S. largesse. Last week, Israeli Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i met with Eagleburger and presented him with a request for $13 billion in aid — $3 billion for costs incurred by the war so far, and $10 billion to absorb the flood of Soviet immigrants pouring into Israel even as the SCUDs thud into Tel Aviv.

As broken down by the Israelis, the $3 billion in requested assistance would be used in the following ways:

•$400 million to maintain Israel's high military alert since August and especially since the war began. Israel may yet be sucked into the war, but even if it is not, the armed forces must be prepared for any eventuality.

•$1 billion and more to make up for losses for businesses shut down down as a safety precaution in the wake of Iraq's SCUD assaults.

•$1 billion for the lost tourist trade. Since last September, the flow of tourists to Israel has been cut to a trickle.

The United States is likely to consider Israel's request sympathetically. The groundswell of U.S. support for Israel today is as great as in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, when the United States airlifted tons of emergency military supplies to Israel and the Nixon administration pledged roughly $3 billion in aid.

Besides, the Bush administration has already set a precedent for bailing out its other Middle Eastern allies. It wrote off Egypt's $7 billion debt in gratitude for Cairo's role in the formation of an anti-Iraqi Arab coalition. It encouraged Saudi Arabia to channel $1 billion to Syria, one of the coalition partners. It promised to compensate Turkey, a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, for its multifaceted efforts on behalf of the allies.

Israel already receives $3 billion in economic and military assistance a year from the United States. As well, the United States is providing Israel with $400 million in loan guarantees to pay for housing Soviet immigrants, $700 million in surplus U.S. military equipment and about $650 million in a variety of supplementary benefits and programs.

From a public relations point of view, Israel has reaped a rich harvest by being identified as a staunch U.S. ally and a victim of Iraqi aggression.

For the first time since the Six Day War, Israel is getting a uniformly good press in the West. The growing warmth toward Israel is reflected in U.S. newspaper editorials. "A new pattern of mutual confidence is being woven between the United States and Israel," the heretofore critical Washington Post said last week. "This pattern of shared policy can be sustained, it can contribute now to military co-operation and it can contribute later to the diplomacy that will be necessary to make over the Middle East."

In addition, the Israeli Embassy in Washington is receiving 500 to 1,000 phone calls each day and an avalanche of telegrams, the majority of them from non-Jews, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports.

It is a far cry from the beating Israel took during the first phases of the intifada and the 1982 Lebanon War.

The Israeli government hopes that this wave of pro-Israel sympathy can be sustained, even if Israel finally decides to retaliate against Iraq. There is also hope in Jerusalem that Israel's security problems will be better understood and appreciated in the future.

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Although Israel had no illusions about Iraq's aggressive position and took steps to prepare itself for an Iraqi onslaught, it's clear that some prominent members of the Israeli elite underestimated Iraq's capacity to harm Israel.

As early as last summer, Israeli military analysts claimed that war was in the air, and that Iraq would try to drag Israel into it. On Aug. 9, just one week after Iraq's thrust into Kuwait, a headline in Ha'aretz — probably Israel's most respected daily — read: Estimation in Jerusalem: Iraq Likely to Launch a Missile Attack Against Israel. In the Dec. 31 edition of the New York Times, Israeli experts were virtually unanimous in their belief that, in the event of war, Iraq would launch at least 20 missiles into Israel. So far, Iraq has launched four SCUD attacks on Israel, causing some fatalities, numerous injuries and property damage.

By the same token, there was a feeling in some authoritative Israeli circles that Saddam was bluffing.

In the runup to the war, when an assortment of peace envoys were streaming to Baghdad like lemmings, Gen. Dan Shomron — the chief of staff — claimed that Israel's deterrent ability made an Iraqi conventional or chemical strike unlikely. Gen. Avihu Ben Nun, the commander of the air force, said: "...we are ready, in my opinion, to stop any Iraqi attack on... Israel."

President Chaim Herzog, in a Jerusalem Post piece, wrote: "Saddam will not rationally wish to use his missile force precisely against Israel and thus open a new front. The number of rockets at his disposal is limited. The moment his missiles are fired, their launching sites become a target... of the Israeli Air Force..."

Shomron and Herzog were probably working on the now-mistaken assumption that Israel's proven retaliatory abilities would deter Iraq. During the Yom Kippur War, Syria fired FROG missiles at settlements in northern Israel, triggering heavy Israeli bombing raids over Damascus. Humbled, Syria did not fire another missile at Israeli civilians.

If nothing else, the Gulf crisis underscored the degree to which Israel had no real missile defence.

The Arrow defence missile system was still in the test stage. The Patriots Israel took delivery of several months ago were not yet properly manned. Israel's Hawk missiles are effective only against aircraft. Electronic jamming, which Israel used to brilliant effect in the Lebanon War, was shown to be ineffective as Iraq's SCUDs whooshed in on their hapless targets.

Clearly, Israel — and the United States — will have to make a concerted effort to speed up the development of the Arrow project.

Efforts could have been made to prevent war, says Palestinian

By
HANNA SINIORA

(The writer is editor of Al-Fajr, an East Jerusalem Arabic daily and a leading pro-PLO Palestinian activist. This piece provides an insight into Palestinian thinking since the outbreak of the Gulf war. It was originally published in the Jerusalem Post).

In retrospect, more diligent efforts could have been made to prevent the war with Iraq. President George Bush has ignited a schism between the West and the Muslim world, and the events of the past few weeks are just the tip of the iceberg. We are in the initial stages of a long drawn-out war that is ever-expanding; today Israel, tomorrow maybe Jordan or Syria; eventually, the whole Arab world.

The millions of victims that are going to feel the effects of this war could have been spared if Kuwait had been left alone, of course, but also had Bush opted for a diplomatic resolution instead of relying on his technological superiority. The "new order" being advocated by the Bush administration does not include the implementation of Security Council resolution 242; instead the Americans chose war and military might over a political path based on all relevant UN resolutions.

Certainly the blame is not limited to Saddam Hussein or George Bush. The Kuwaiti rulers could have avoided the takeover of their country; overproduction of oil, and the avarice of the rich is an indirect cause of what is happening in the region. The arms producers are to blame, for making weapons and technologies available in abundance to those who could afford them. The Middle East was more unstable and thus stockpiled much more than its needs.

Israeli politics are to blame and Israeli society should shoulder the burden because it encouraged extremism and failed to guide its elected leaders to find a solution to the major source of instability - the forced occupation of another people, the Palestinians.

Bush and Yitzhak Shamir could have avoided the war if either one of them had been serious and honest about the need to deal with the Palestinian people and their legitimate national rights. Bush refused to link directly or sequentially the Palestinian question with a solution to the Gulf crisis. Shamir helped the Bush administration isolate the Gulf crisis from the Arab-Israeli conflict by providing no political options and no peace initiative of a credible nature to provide a negotiated outcome of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. It led Palestinians to conclude that neither the leader of Israel nor the leader of the United States was willing to commit themselves to the implementation of UN resolutions in the context of the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

In the face of creeping annexation of what remained of their homeland, the Palestinian people should not be blamed for pinning their hopes on the Iraqi initiative of Aug. 12, 1990, calling for linkage of all the ills of the Middle East. In the prevalent atmosphere of mistrust, fear and hatred, with even the minimum of good intentions, people of good will could have tested the intentions of Iraq by agreeing to open negotiations.

For the past four years the Palestinian intifada raged on with the intention of alerting Israeli society and the international community to the explosive status of the Palestinian people living under an unwanted military occupation. The outbreak of war in our region against Iraq by the American-led alliance is another danger signal. It is a deep-seated illness that has to be treated; it is the main cause underlying the outbreak of war with all its horrible results.

This is the first time that the heart of Israel - the greater Tel Aviv area - has been hit by missiles. In order to make it the last time, the Israeli people have to convince their government that enmity with the Arab countries, including Iraq, will spread, if the Palestinian people cannot also enjoy their legitimate national rights.

Post-mortems and recriminations are not the issue of discussion in this grave period. Israel, without any intimidation, should immediately work for a process to end Israeli occupation. The land that both people call their homeland should be big enough for both people to live in peace and dignity in a two-state solution. The initiative today is in the hand of the Israeli government, to respond to the peace overtures of the Palestine National Council of November 1988.

Europe of the 1930s and 1940s faced war, as devastating as what we might see in the coming weeks. Europe rose to the challenge after the Second World War. To prevent the high toll in human terms, in economic well-being and in harm to our environment, an immediate effort must be made to stop the war. All of us - Americans, Europeans, Arab-Israelis and Palestinians, secular and religious, left and right, friend and foe, must simultaneously make a sharp about-turn and take the steps that Europe took after 1945.

the faces of WAR

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Backgrounder

Iraqi SCUDs galvanize Jews

A nerve-wracking night connects us to Israel

THE JEWISH WORLD

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Renee and Moritz Lazarov

The war in the Persian Gulf scored a direct hit on Jewish minds and hearts on Thursday night, Jan. 17.

Saddam Hussein and his foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, had promised to fire missiles at Israel if Iraq were attacked by the United States and its allies. And now, as we watched live television reports of the latest developments in the fighting, Iraq made good on its threat, raining down SCUDs on Tel Aviv and Haifa.

It was a nerve-wracking, nail-biting, roller-coaster night, a night the average Jew is not likely to forget, a night which suddenly underscored Israel's vulnerability and our visceral, primordial attachment to the Jewish state.

The sense of nervous immediacy which engulfed us was due in no small part to satellite communication systems, which enables correspondents in far-flung places like the Middle East to file their reports back home instantaneously.

The marvels of contemporary technology do not fail to amaze, but never was this as poignantly true as on the night of Jan. 17, when a flurry of live, unedited reports from Israel inundated us with a wave of unsurpassed emotion. We had been through the euphoria of the Six Day War and the initial trauma of the Yom Kippur War, but this was joltingly different. In 1967 and 1973, we watched reports that had been filtered through the usual time-consuming editing procedures. Now, in this brave new world of state-of-the-art satellites, Cable News Network and round-the-clock reporting from tireless though haggard journalists, we were glued to TV screens as Soviet-manufactured SCUDs launched in western Iraq homed in on Israel.

We were witnesses.

It was simply incredible.

The war, at least for me, began the previous evening, at around 6:35, when Peter Jennings' ABC newscast was abruptly interrupted by a live report from its correspondent in Baghdad, Gary Shephard.

In a surprisingly monotone voice, Shephard reported that bursts of lights and flashes of tracers were illuminating the Baghdad sky. He could hear distant roars. He thought he had seen aircraft. Something is definitely happening, he said, in a tone as close to authoritativeness as he could muster under the circumstances.

No one, really, had expected an allied offensive so soon after the expiry of the Jan. 15 United Nations' deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait unconditionally. After all, the deputy commander of American forces in the Middle East had said, much to President George Bush's probable irritation, that the military wouldn't be ready for action until early or mid-February.

But now, just one day after the deadline and Saddam's contemptuous rejection of United Nations, French and Arab peace overtures, the war had begun.

Everyone wondered whether Iraq, as advertised ad nauseum, would try to hit Israel with missiles, embroil Israel in the war and thereby threaten the viability of the international coalition ranged against Iraq.

We breathed a sigh of relief as we heard Pentagon reports that the bombing raids in Iraq and Kuwait had been successful. Maybe Iraq would not be able to carry out its oft-repeated threat to bombard Tel Aviv with SCUDs. Perhaps Iraq was nothing but a paper tiger, to use a Chinese phrase.

By the morning of Jan. 17, still no Iraqi missiles had fallen on Israel. Tuning in to the BBC, we heard that allied jets had raided fixed and mobile Iraqi missile emplacements, supposedly destroyed them. We placed our hopes in these reports. Israel, we knew, had no effective defence against missiles — though Israeli crews in Texas were already learning how to operate the Patriot anti-missile system, and Israel was well on its way, in co-operation with the United States, toward developing the Arrow anti-missile.

That night, after supper, my family and I turned on the TV again, going with ABC because of our preference for Peter Jenning's low-key, no-nonsense style. Coalition bombing raids were continuing. Israel remained on high alert. At about 7 or 7:30 p.m. (early morning in the eastern Mediterranean), the first preliminary reports of an Iraqi missile attack on Israel came through. We were startled, riveted, upset, concerned. At that moment, there seemed no room for anger or rage.

We instinctively and immediately felt we had a direct stake in the unfolding events. My wife and I have family, relatives and friends in Israel. Etti's elderly parents live in Jaffa, her sister in Beersheba. I have an aunt and uncles in Haifa, and my cousin holds a senior position in the air force. Our friends, who visited us in December, reside in Bat Yam, a Tel Aviv suburb.

For the next two or three hours, we switched channels in an almost feverish attempt to keep on top of the news.

We were galvanized.

Our hearts dropped with the confirmation that SCUDs had thudded down in Tel Aviv and the Haifa area. There was even an unconfirmed report that Jerusalem had also been hit. Never before had Israeli cities been the targets of Arab missiles.

What made it worse, infinitely worse, was Dean Reynolds' report from Jerusalem that the missiles had been fitted with nerve gas — NERVE GAS. Peter Jennings, who is usually so composed and unflappable, was clearly agitated.

Images of the Holocaust filled my mind.

Reynolds, a gas mask on his face, said he had it on good authority that nerve gas had in fact been used. Could Saddam sink so low?

Maybe. Hadn't he gassed thousands of Iranian soldiers and Kurdish civilians?

As the world pondered whether Saddam had completely taken leave of his senses, there were reports from Washington and Saudi Arabia that Israel had ordered swift reprisals, in line with its policy of responding to unprovoked attack. Bernard Trainor, a retired U.S. marine general and a former New York Times military writer, said he expected Israeli reprisals.

Yet no one could be sure that Israel would indeed react. There had been speculation that Israel, under American pressure, would exercise restraint and therefore not play into Iraqi hands — provided casualties were light and property damage was limited. As it happened, the SCUDs did not cause any deaths or wholesale destruction. More important, as Israel's military spokesman declared, Iraq had deployed conventional, not chemical, warheads. A tired-looking Reynolds apologized for his erroneous report.

But before this information could be flashed to anxious viewers across North America, the spectre of poisonous gas clouds striking down Israelis loomed large.

This horrific possibility was reinforced by live, devastatingly graphic and moving pictures of an Israeli cameraman's family in their sealed room — a mother, wearing an ugly gas mask, struggling to keep the mask on her young daughter, but unable to suppress her frightened — and frightening — moans.

The girl's moans bespoke sheer terror, summoning up awful visions of a Holocaust-in-the making. I could not banish these emotions, try as I might. Many Israelis are Holocaust survivors, as are my parents, and as a result, they are burdened by a deep-seated fear which in some cases is passed on to their children.

And as I watched that poor, wretched Israeli girl acting out her fears, burning them into every Jewish soul abroad, I feared for Israel's security and its future.

Israel is strong and powerful, but who can escape the effects of a massive chemical onslaught, of a generalized war in the region?

As the evening wore on, we learned that Israel had not launched reprisals against Iraq. We were frankly relieved. Could Israel punish Iraq any further? Iraq had been battered by thousands of allied sorties. It was better if Israel remained on the sidelines, better if the war was kept within manageable limits, better not to involve Jordan and Syria.

When we turned off the TV that night, exhausted and drained, Israel — and world Jewry — were still in a state of shock, but joined in a fierce spirit of solidarity.

Etti had already called her parents in Jaffa, Moritz and Renee Lazarov, after repeatedly unsuccessful attempts to get through. They were fine, she said.

They had been awakened by the wail of an air raid siren warning of an incoming missile barrage. But they had not panicked, and now were resolutely prepared to face yet another day under the shadow of the SCUDs.

Am Yisrael Chai.

Immigrants used circuitous means to reach Israel

BY
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JERUSALEM (JPFS)—

What began as a dribble has become a downpour.

An incredible 185,000 olim poured out of the Soviet Union and into Israel in 1990. The year's 200,000th immigrant, a 25-year-old bachelor with a B.Sc. in engineering, landed three hours before the stroke of midnight on Dec. 31, and spent the last hours of the year looking for an Israeli wife.

Some 37,000 immigrants arrived in December, and the Jewish Agency announced it has the capacity to bring 50,000 a month in 1991. Attempting to digest the true dimensions of mass aliya and the difficulties ahead, Amikam Oren, general manager of the Housing Ministry, put the prospect of a million olim in proper prospective: "Per capita, it's as if the United States were to absorb France."

While most olim arrived by air, the more adventuresome came by less conventional means of transport - including a motorcycle, bicycles, several small yachts and a fishing trawler. With flights to Tel Aviv over-booked, some intrepid individuals landed in Cairo and taxied across Sinai to the Israeli-Egyptian border.

Odessa-born Shimon Walpert arrived in Israel in February 1990, and without even getting his bearings, jumped off a cliff in Netanya, after calling the newspapers. What might have been a tragic exit for any run-of-the-mill new oleh turned out to be an auspicious, albeit audacious, entrance into Israeli society for the immigrant stuntman.

The award for best oleh, no doubt, belongs to Dr. Beliling Elna. And not just because he's one of 3,400 physicians who arrived in 1990 armed with a Soviet medical degree. Elna took 14 years to make aliya from Ethiopia — via the U.S.S.R. and Sweden. After studying medicine in Russia, he found himself unable to return home to Addis Ababa because of the Marxist revolution, and unwilling to remain in the Soviet Union for good. Leaving Russia via East Berlin airport, he flew to Sweden with only his diploma in his pocket. In Scandinavia, Elna completed an internship in psychiatry. Speaking Amharic, Russian, Swedish, Norwegian and English upon arrival, the new oleh headed north - to learn Hebrew in Tiberias.

It is clear that the nation's infrastructure will be taxed to the limit by the dramatic increase in the population.

Uri Marinov, director-general of the Ministry of the Environment, indicated the influx of olim will not only exacerbate water shortages; the Russians are liable to bury us in garbage. Olim in tough circumstances generate more garbage because they eat more vegetables than the average Israeli.

This may seem a bit far-fetched. As is, Israelis consume 2½ times as many vegetables and three times as much fresh fruit as the average American. Yet, there are indications that Marinov may be right: for the first time in two decades, there is no surplus of cabbage. Cabbage prices have risen 30 per cent, cutting losses in half. If market trends continue, Israeli farmers may even break even.

The aliya scoop for 1990 belongs to the Yediot Aharonot journalist who discovered that the wave of olim will solve one of Israel's most acute demographic problems - too few men. Only 54 per cent of the olim are married. Twelve per cent are divorced or widowed; 34 per cent have never been married. Unfortunately, 28 per cent of these swinging singles are under 18.

Government statistics show that out of the first 80,000 olim, there were 11,500 engineers, as well as 10 mailmen and one policeman, two judges, a detective and a game hunter. According to a Jewish Agency survey, for every 100,000 potential olim, there are 962 tailors. Among the retraining programs open to the half a dozen unemployed locomotive engineers is a chef's course in the secrets of Chinese cuisine.

To solve the housing crunch, it has been proposed that the country mobilize camps, fill empty hotels and half-empty kibbutzim, place caravans on campuses, in the courtyards of old-age homes and on the rooftops of apartment buildings. Others have suggested vacating urban flats currently occupied by businesses or moving olim in with friends, family or total strangers for about $400 (U.S.) a month room and board. One highly placed government official ensured anxious olim that modern tent camps will be equipped with centrally-heated and cooled tents.

In perhaps the most bizarre housing scheme yet, Uri Shani, chairman of the board of Amidar Building Corporation, revealed that company representatives in Germany and Florida were investigating the possibility of purchasing gigantic passenger ships with 500-1,000 rooms. Immigrants could be kept at bay in boats anchored at the mouth of the Kishon River, already overflowing with industrial sludge and sewage.

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JEWS, ARABS IN PEACE RALLY

A Jewish woman and an Arab man stand together in a 22 kilometre peace chain along the Wadi Ara highway in the Galil on Jan.12. [IPPA photo]

Students head back to school

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

With school bags on one shoulder and gas masks on the other, Israel's high school students returned to school Sunday, after nine days of forced vacation brought on by the Iraqi missile attacks against Israel.

The back-to-school order, which so far covers only those in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades, is the latest of several efforts to bring a measure of normalcy back to the country, which has endured six missile attacks and numerous other false air raid alerts.

Last week, security authorities gradually reopened businesses throughout the country, which virtually shut down completely when the missile attacks began on Jan. 18.

Education Ministry officials estimated high school attendance Sunday at 70 to 80 per cent.

There were emotional reunion scenes as students showed up at school, particularly in the Tel Aviv and Haifa areas, which have been the principal targets of the almost nightly missile attacks. Many teenagers expressed relief they were no longer confined to their homes, but others voiced concern about the safety of returning to classes.

Studies began later than usual, at 9 a.m., mostly because of the fact that one of the first missile attacks took place at 7:30 a.m. — the only strike to occur during daytime.

Students devoted much of their first day back to exchanging views on the situation, recounting their personal experiences of the attacks and rehearsing procedures in the event of additional air raid alerts.

"I was surprised to see my Arabic teacher devoting an entire hour to discussing the war and our feelings about it, whereas in regular times she would not have wasted a minute for anything else but studies," said Guy, a 17-year-old 12th-grader from Jerusalem.

The teacher, like many mothers throughout the country, brought along her six-year-old daughter, since there was no one else to take care of the child.

School staffs spent the last few days sealing off classrooms, so that in case of an attack, students would not have to move around in the school. Not all classes were ready, and in some classes students spent the day completing the sealing jobs.

Students were instructed that in case of alarm, they should put on their gas masks and then duck under the desks, "so that in case something heavy falls, the desk will serve as protection." During recess, they conducted an air raid drill.

"Our teacher asked us whether we believed Israel should retaliate for the missile attacks, and almost all of us responded: No," said Guy.

Parents sent their children to schools halfheartedly. "On the one hand, I realize that life must go on," said Victor, Guy's father. "On the other hand, I had all kinds of strange thoughts how I would not forgive myself if anything would happen to the children during school hours."

Since there have been few daytime raids, "I feel quite confident about sending the older children to school," said Dina Edri of Ramat Gan. "Let's hope I won't regret it."

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TEL AVIV, JAN. 18 - SCUD VICTIM — One of the victims of an Iraqi fired SCUD missile is taken out of a Tel Aviv ambulance Friday morning by Israeli troops. Iraq fired at least eight SCUDS into Israel on Friday morning. All hospitals in Tel Aviv are funded by the Tel Aviv Foundation. [Canapress]

From an urgent letter by Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat to Murray Goldman, Chairman of the Canadian Committee for the Tel Aviv Foundation:

Dear Murray,

I am writing this letter, with the dreadful missile explosions still echoing in my ears, explosions of the SCUD missiles launched at Tel Aviv-Yafo by Iraq.

For the first time in the history of Israel, the city of Tel Aviv-Yafo found itself in the frontline of Israel. There were at least 10 SCUD missiles which struck various locations in the city, each explosion leaving behind incredible destruction.

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Life almost back to normal following missile attacks

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In one corner of the lobby, a dozen Russian immigrants are seated aroung a long table. A Hebrew ulpan is in session. "Where are we?" asks the teacher, expressing just what most of the students are probably asking themselves. "We are in a hotel," she answer in carefully enunciated Hebrew. The students — adults of all ages who have been in Israel only a few months — seem for the most part oblivous to the chaos around them. Many have been housed in the hotel since their arrival in Israel; some are victims of the missile attack.

Boris, Nili and their two children have been bombed out of their rented apartment. Most of the few possessions they brought with them from Uzbekistan are gone. Boris, however, is taking his ill fortune in stride.

"I went through something similar during the riots in Uzbekistan, he recalls. "There was shooting on my street, helicopters flying overhead. And we had to hide inside. At the end of it all, my house was intact, but I was more frightened than ever. My neighbors threatend that when they had finished with the Turks, they'd go after the Jews.

"So now I have lost my house. But at least in Israel I am not afraid. I am not alone. I know that people here care about me. They will help me."

Indeed, armies of volunteers have responded to the emergency with the result that the lobby of the hotel resembles a somewhat surrealistic summer camp. There are teachers and municipal workers giving lessions in arts and crafts, drama, aerobics and even mini-golf. Representatives of Elite are passing out free chocolates. Hairdressers from a well-known salon are offering haircuts on the house. Someone has donated a special radio with multiple earphones, enabling eight people at a time to listen to the news quietly. Every family sends a representative for a tour of duty at the radio. The line is long.

The most popular activity in the crowded lobby is the drawing session. Intended to keep the children busy and to enable them to express their pent-up feelings about what they have experienced, it has attracted several adults as well. There are many pictures of houses with missiles protruding in the back yard. There is one portrait of Saddam Hussein with a big "X" running through it. And there is a prominently displayed drawing of a pink house with two doves hovering in the air: scrawled across the sky is the world Shalom.

Many of the refugees spend the day going back and forth between the hotel and what is left of their homes. One woman is sifting through the debris, searching for a photograph of her late father. Glass fragments line the street like sand on a beach. Amid the rubble, there are tubes of toothpaste, the twisted remains of a child's bicycle, an ironing board, an oil painting. Through a gaping hole in the side of a concrete three-storey building, one can see a bandanged man staring blankly.

Down below, the street is packed with stunned spectators. The mood is one of shock, anger and sorrow.

Many of the refugees speak to each other in an Iraqi dialect of Arabic. In one of the bitter ironies of the war, the missiles took a heavy toll on a neighborhood populated largely by Jews of Iraqi origin.

Reuven remembers the Iraqi pogrom of 1941, in which over 200 Jews were killed by pro-Nazi rioters. He never thought that 40 years after finding refuge in Israel, he would still be pursued by his country of birth.

Despite the outrage he feels, neither he nor most Israelis are calling for immediate revenge against Iraq. "What good would it do?" asks one Tel Avivian, surveying the damage to his friend's apartment. "The Americans are already doing the job for us as best as anyone can.

"We have to use our heads, not our hearts," cautions another.

Reuven's 23-year-old grandson Amichai adds: "We don't want to fall into Saddam's trap and drag other Arab countries into this. That would change the nature of this war dramatically. Instead of sitting in a hotel lobby trying to rebuild my home, I would be sent to a real battlefront to fight Arab armies.

"Saddam can afford to lose a million men. For us, if there is one loss, it's no longer a victory," says Amichai, expressing widely-felt sentiments of a war-weary people.

So, instead of calling for retaliation every time missiles fall, Israelis dig just a little bit deeper into their reservoirs of patience and self-restraint. But they are confident that Saddam's turn will come.

An official notice plastered on the wall of the hotel lobby expresses that longing:

"With joy, we announce the death of the tyrant of Baghdad, Saddam Hussein, who fell while trying to destroy the people of Israel. The date of burial will be announced shortly. Shiva will be held by his family and his nation in the chemical weapons factory in Basra."

It is that image, and perhaps the one of the pink house with no missiles in the backyard, which seem to sustain the refugees of Tel Aviv through night after night of sirens and sealed rooms.

Haifa University postpones start of semester

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

In order to "accommodate students," Haifa University has postponed the opening of its second semester to March 10.

The two Canadians who spent the first half of the academic year there have both returned to Canada, according to Fran Yacoubov, director of Canadian Friends of Haifa University.

Both had originally planned to spend only one semester overseas, and thus will be unaffected by the change, she added.

The Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv U are both planning to reopen Feb. 24 as scheduled.

Of the 85 Canadians at Hebrew U first semester, "most" have returned to Canada, eight or nine have stayed, and a few are travelling, Tova Glass, the academic affairs co-ordinator for the Canadian Friends of HU, reported.

Of the 60 Canadians who registered at Tel Aviv U last fall, half have returned to Canada, a quarter are still in Israel and a quarter have gone to stay with family in England or South Africa, Jacqueline Sosnowicz, Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University's co-ordinator for student programs, told The CJN.

She added one student has gone on a safari in Kenya, a trip she planned before the outbreak of war.

Israel maintains restraint policy

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with potentially hundreds of missiles at their disposal.

"The government's position is that we would like to put an end to the missile threat," the defence minister said. He added that this was a separate issue from whether Israel would retaliate for the attacks that already have taken place.

Both Arens and U.S. Defence Secretary Dick Cheney, who was interviewed on NBC-TV's *Meet the Press*, said that although the SCUD missiles that had been fired on Israel and Saudi Arabia contained conventional weapons, there was still a threat that Iraq could fire missiles with chemical warheads.

Asked what would happen if Iraq used its air force to try to attack Israel with chemical weapons, Arens replied that was a threat Israel could handle more easily than the missiles.

The Likud minister contended that the current situation Israel faces proves Israel was correct in rejecting proposals that it trade land for peace.

"Just imagine for a moment that we had followed that advice and that we had left the West Bank and would now find Saddam Hussein with his army and air force and maybe his missiles in the West Bank," Arens said.

In that context, Arens said he did not expect Washington to press Israel, once Saddam Hussein is defeated, to take steps for a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict that Israel now rejects.

"I think it is not likely that after the crisis is over that pressure will be put on Israel to do things that are against our best interest," he said.

"I do believe that this Gulf crisis has revealed to all the very dangerous environment under which Israel has to live in the Middle East and the risks we have to take facing hostile Arab neighbors that have very large armies. I think that lesson will not be forgotten so soon."

But Osama el-Baz, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's national security adviser, said Egypt has "some kind of understanding" with the United States and other major powers "that as soon as the war is over, we have to concentrate on solving the troubling problems of the Middle East."

Baz, who also appeared on the ABC program, said that "the Palestinian question ranks very high" on the list of priorities, "because it is a source of tension, frustration and causing a lot of the trouble we are facing today."

John Sununu, the White House chief of staff, who followed Baz on the program, repeated the U.S. position that there is no linkage between the Persian Gulf crisis and the Israeli-Palestinian issue, since they are two separate problems.

But he added that President George Bush and Secretary of State James Baker have been trying for the last two years to find a solution for the Palestinian problem. "These efforts will continue," he said.

McLaughlin opposes war

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ed and occupied Kuwait last August. By attacking Israel last week and again today, without provocation, he gave us further proof."

The attacks on Israel cannot be discounted for their psychological terror either. The sustained quality of family life is at risk, said NDP Leader Audrey McLaughlin in the House debate.

"Canada must seek to put an end to this war, put an end to it for the families of Canadian men and women in the Gulf, put an end to it for Israeli families, put an end to it for families everywhere."

The real test for the post-Cold War world is in finding the best means to a judicious end, said McLaughlin. "War represents the same old way of doing things. War is madness. The option of killing people to resolve disputes must disappear in a new world order."

In a Jan. 24 speech to the Defence Association Institute in Ottawa, Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark slammed Saddam Hussein's "despicable tactic of launching missiles at innocent civilians in Israel" and efforts to "make the coalition crumble by spreading terror across the region."

The terror from the Jan. 22 missile attack on Tel Aviv drew scorn from Clark. "Canada is outraged and horrified by these belligerent and deadly assaults by Iraq on innocent Israelis. The latest unprovoked attacks are reprehensible."

Clark also "strongly condemned any and all acts of intolerance and racism displayed towards Canadians of Arab origin, or Canadian Jews, or Canadian Muslims or others," in his speech.

"If there is one priority — one lesson — which the world must learn from this war, it is that an unrestricted arms trade in this region is no longer acceptable and constitutes a threat to the security of all members of the United Na-

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Canada

Lawyer in Ross case criticized by teachers

By
PAUL LUNGEN

MONCTON —

The fallout from the Malcolm Ross case continues.

In a recent opinion column, Telegraph-Journal writer Don Hoyt criticized the New Brunswick Teachers Federation (NBTF) for appearing to side with Ross in a Human Rights Commission inquiry into whether the teacher's employer, the District 15 school board, was fostering a climate of intolerance by employing him.

Hoyt noted that Fredericton high school teacher Marlene Unger has demanded that the assocation find a new lawyer, since its current counsel, George Filliter, "has given the public the wrong impression that our organization supports Malcolm Ross."

(During cross-examination of David Attis, the Moncton parent whose complaint launched the inquiry, Filliter suggested that in classes about the Holocaust, students should be presented with the view that only a few thousand Jews were killed as an alternative to the accepted number of six million.)

Hoyt acknowledged that the NBTF has an interest in a teacher's contractual obligations. "But it is not in the public interest, or that of provincial teachers, for the federation to be perceived as intervening on behalf of a man whose teachings are clearly racist."

Ian Andrews, editor of *Focus*, a journal of the New Brunswick Teachers Association (NBTA) social studies council, said the association's board of directors is considering whether to retain Filliter, in the wake of complaints about the lawyer's comments. Filliter had subsequently been instructed to represent the teachers only with respect to Ross' contractual rights.

Meanwhile, an editorial in The Times-Transcript of Moncton criticized the school board for trying to "keep the lid on" racial incidents and attitudes in the district's schools.

"This community learned from the inquiry that there was far more racism in evidence than the general public knew," the editorial stated.

(Evidence at the December inquiry, which was adjourned until April 22, showed that Jewish students were subject to anti-Semitic abuse and that a teacher and student exchanged the Nazi salute in school.)

"In our opinion, the adminstration and/or the board have failed abysmally in their duties to the people, to the taxpayers, especially and specifically to parents of school-age children, by not exposing the problems of racism, of anti-Semitism, of the terrorizing of minorities, of dubious behavior of some teaching staff members."

The editorial argues that "informed parents might [have taken] steps to ensure that what appears to be a youthful fad is indeed nothing more sinister. They can't take any action if they don't know what's going on in the schools."

SUPPORTING ISRAEL

Over 100 Jewish university and high school students recently gathered outside the Israeli consulate in Toronto to display their support for Israel. [Alron photo]

TAU strains resources to assist Soviet Jews

MONTREAL —

Nearly 1,000 Russian academics and students are studying or teaching at Tel Aviv University, Israel's largest institution of higher learning, says Albert J. Latner, president of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University.

In a newsletter to CFTAU members, Latner discloses that the university has added 60 Russian academics to its faculty and has 60 PhD students.

The university, said the president, is "straining its resources" to accommodate a flood of Russian newcomers.

Five hundred students are involved in preparatory and regular studies and there are 60 engineers as well as 250 participants from other disciplines in retraining programs.

The size of TAU's "preparatory program" or "mechina" has tripled in size from last year. Currently 425 new immigrants, including 340 of Soviet origin, are taking part in the program. Last year, there were only 165 students of all nationalities.

A priority is learning Hebrew, said Latner, noting that the "Soviet youngsters are very highly motivated, and are learning Hebrew very quickly."

In addition to Hebrew, the students study English, civics, the history of the Jewish people, philosophy and other subjects. "Soviet students traditionally have a very strong background in the sciences and, while many will continue in science in their studies at Tel Aviv University, a surprisingly large number, about 60 per cent, want to make economics their major field of study."

It is imperative, Latner emphasized, that an "exceptional effort be made to provide greater financial support to Israel's universities to help them in their demanding task of absorbing as many of the new Russian arrivals as possible.

"One of the most crucial challenges for Israel is to develop opportunities for the large number of senior scientists who, if they cannot find suitable positions in Israel, will be attracted by other countries eager to welcome them."

McMaster U. group gets hate material

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

A package "filled with anti-Semitic propaganda" has been received by the McMaster Student Union (MSU), reports Sheila Freedman, advisor to the McMaster Jewish Students' Association.

Freedman was informed of the receipt of this package on Monday, January 21, by "a girl who is very high up in the MSU."

The package contained "stuff that was absolutely sickening . . . unbelievable . . . the most blatant anti-Semitic propaganda" the girl had ever seen, a shaken Freedman said the student told her.

The student also told Freedman that she had called police, who are now in possession of the material, and that she checked with two other universities, York, which has not received anything, and Lakehead, where two similar packages have been received.

The student told Freedman that there was no indication anywhere of where the material originated, nor any other identification, only that the package was postmarked Montreal.

The material was written, she told Freedman, in three languages, English, French and Arabic, and contained phrases such as "it is a Moslem's job to kill every Jew."

Contacted at the MJSU office in the basement of the Commons building the following morning, Freedman said "everything was quiet and normal."

But on the day following the first Iraqi attack on Tel Aviv, a security guard held watch while Jewish students were gathered for their regular Thursday deli lunch in their tiny lounge.

In the centre of the campus, where a "peace camp" is holding vigil, two flags are at half mast, the only visible protests against the Gulf War.

McMaster has relatively few Jewish students, about 200, estimates MJSU president Marc Schwartz, and more than double the number of Moslem students.

There was a series of letters in the campus newspaper, The Silhouette, one of which "outraged" Schwartz enough to reply. This resulted in a correspondence in which Schwartz, a second-year bio-chemistry student from Toronto, was gratified to be given the last word. Despite the exchange of letters, relations between the two groups have been peaceful.

Indeed, last year Moslem and Jewish students cooperated in a joint petition for kosher food, which has since been made available in one of the campus cafeterias.

Meanwhile, another major concern for the McMaster Jewish students is the withdrawal of funding for Hillel by B'nai Brith. While funding for Jewish programming on campus is provided by Congress, the salary of the professional co-ordinator was paid by B'nai Brith.

"We can't function without a director," says Schwartz, pointing out that the students themselves have no time for the administrative work necessary to keep the group functioning effectively.

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Canadians took part in journey

Film profiles effects of March

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

It is a scene with an impact I have never experienced before.

Peter Kleinmann of Montreal is saying kaddish in the crematorium at Block 24 at Auschwitz. The young Canadians standing around him are looking into their souls.

"I have always dreamed of saying kaddish for my parents here, not only for them but for all the Jews who died," he said.

But he breaks down and it is a moment before he can finish the kaddish.

Those young Canadians, some of the 340 who took part in the March of the Living to Poland and Israel last year, will never be the same again. You only have to look at their faces to understand that.

This is not a kaddish prayer in a Hollywood film. It is real, part of a remarkable documentary of the March made by two Jewish Montreal filmmakers, Howard Reitman and Sid Goldberg, which will have its Toronto premiere Feb. 2 at Congregation Habonim, 5 Glen Park Avenue (8:00 p.m.)

Besides the highly moving scene when Kleinmann says kaddish, there is another when survivor Shmuel Isaacson breaks down when he tells his young listeners how his mother, suffering terribly from starvation, gave her share of a single potato to her children.

There are lighter moments, thank goodness, when Goldberg's camera lights on Joel Shalit of the Bialik High School in Montreal, a rangy youth, hugging a frail, elderly woman who is in charge of the Ramah Synagogue in Cracow, and speaking to her in Yiddish, to her utter amazement.

Or when the Canadian marchers, are dancing joyfully at the former "Yeshivat Chachmei Liblin," in Lublin. They were lucky enough to have arrived on that day, which comes only once every seven years, when the reading of a Torah page by page Daf Yomi is completed.

The Yeshiva is now a medical school but, in honor of March of the Living, a project organized by the United Israel Appeal of Canada, the Chief Rabbi of Poland welcomed the marchers. Among other Canadians shown there in the film were Rabbis Baruch Taub, and Mordechai Green.

The sound track, in addition to narration, is composed of songs sung by the Habonim Youth Choir, accompanied by Esther Ghan-Firestone, including the unforgettable *Eli, Eli* by Hannah Senesh.

Goldberg's camera is at its sharpest in the shtetl of Tikochin where the tour bus stopped. Time seems to have stopped for 100 years as the film shows the old shtebels and the residents peering out from behind their fences. A number of them crowd around Canadian Lola Nussbaum, a survivor. "They don't believe any Jew could have survived the camps," she said. "They say 'they couldn't have known you were Jewish?'"

His artistry is again evident when he films young children walking through the crooked streets of Cracow, sunlight falling on their upturned faces. "These could have been Jewish children," one of the marchers says.

The film was made possible by the Jewish Education Council of Montreal, the CRB Foundation, Jewish Cultural Association, and the United Israel Appeal.

Reitman and Goldberg will be on hand after the film to lead a discussion. Admission is by voluntary donation.

Peter Kleinmann of Montreal breaks down while saying kaddish for his parents at Auschwitz. This is from the film March of the Living.

Crown evidence reviewed

Court considers Finta appeal

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A five-justice panel of the Ontario Court of Appeal is considering whether to order a new trial in the case of accused war criminal Imre Finta.

Last week the justices heard arguments from Crown prosecutors that Supreme Court Judge Archie Campbell was wrong to allow into evidence a 1948 statement by lawyer Imre Dallos that helped exonerate Finta.

Furthermore, if the judge was correct to permit it, it should have been considered defence evidence, Crown attorney Christopher Amerasinghe suggested.

By saving the defence from presenting it as part of its case, the judge unduly interfered with the course of the trial and gave the defence the advantage of addressing the jury last, he added.

Finta, 78, is charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity. The Crown alleges that as a Hungarian Gendarmerie captain in June 1944, he was in charge of a brickyard concentration camp in the city of Szeged where 8,617 Jews were gathered and then deported to Auschwitz and Austrian forced labor camps.

Finta was acquitted of charges of robbery, kidnapping, forcible confinement and manslaughter following a six-month trial that ended last May.

The Crown is asking that the acquittal be set aside and a new trial ordered. Finta's lawyer Doug Christie is asking that the war crimes legislation be ruled unconstitutional.

Amerasinghe objected to the inclusion of the Dallos statement, saying Dallos, who died in 1963, was not available to be cross-examined. In his statement, Dallos said he believed a lieutenant named Bodoloi was in charge of the camp.

But several witnesses who testified in court said that Finta, whom they knew personally, appeared in charge of the camp. By allowing the statement as evidence and not forcefully telling the jury that it is pure hearsay, Campbell was suggesting it was of equal weight with the live testimony of six witnesses, Amerasinghe said.

Amerasinghe also criticized Christie for a "completely improper, inflammatory and threatening" address to the jury. He said the defence lawyer improperly attacked the validity of the law after it had been ruled constitutional, and invited the jury to acquit in spite of the law.

The Crown attorney also criticized Christie for "making a thinly veiled appeal to racial prejudice" against Jews. He did so by implicitly comparing the trial of Jesus to Finta's trial and by repeated references to Jewish witnesses affirming their oaths as opposed to swearing their oaths on the Bible.

In his response to submissions about the Dallos statement, Christie said it should be allowed into evidence considering the difficulty of defending a case 45 years after the events.

Christie, who was closely questioned by Chief Justice Charles Dubin and Justices Walter Tarnopolsky and David Doherty (Justices Louise Arbour and Coulter Osborne comprised the rest of the panel), denied he had asked the jury to disregard the law, saying he only remarked that the law appeared "convoluted" and that he should be able to call it "diabolically twisted."

The defence lawyer was repeatedly questioned on that point, with Dubin saying it appeared he was asking the jury to prevent the law from operating.

Christie was also questioned about his comparison of Jesus to Finta and by his references to witnesses who affirmed and did not swear.

Christie said he knew of no authority that said it was improper to appeal to the "Christian conscience" of jurors.

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In Brief

From CJN wire services

COST OF WAR SOARS

The Gulf War — even if it were to end tomorrow — has already cost Israel more than $1 billion (U.S.) in lost tourism, higher oil prices and increased defence outlays, government economists report.

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KOLLEK BLASTS MUFTI'S JIHAD CALL

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, long considered sympathetic to Palestinian aspirations, last week condemned a call for jihad against the United States and its allies by the city's leading Muslim religious figure, Sheikh Saad e-Din al-Alami.

Kollek said he thought the Mufti of Jerusalem had been used. Friday prayers at the Temple Mount, attended by 3,000 local Muslims, passed without incident. The curfew in effect in the territories does not extend to Jerusalem.

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ISRAEL MUSEUM SHUT INDEFINITELY

The Israel Museum in Jerusalem closed last week until further notice. Curators have placed all major artifacts, both on temporary and permanent display, in bomb proof underground vaults.

The closure, however temporary, compounds the institution's financial woes, which have been growing steadily worse since the beginning of the intifada 38 months ago. Much of the museum's income stemmed from gate and gift shop sales, which have steadily declined to the present zero.

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MUSIC GETS ON LISTENERS' NERVES

Rock music and women's singing on Israel Radio and Army Radio SCUD missile alert programs is getting on the nerves of religious listeners tuned in to hear about the Persian Gulf War and its effects on Israel.

Communications Minister Raphael Pinhasi has written to Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, who is in charge of the Broadcasting Authority, asking him to transmit "suitable music — traditional and *Eretz Yisrael* songs that are suitable to the whole population."

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NEO-NAZIS WANT TO FIGHT FOR IRAQ

German neo-Nazis have told Iraq they want to join its army and fight the U.S.-led forces in the gulf, one of their leaders said last week. Michael Kuehnen told Hesse state radio he knows of some cases where Nazis have volunteered for Iraqi military service. He said Arabs are not Marxists but nationalists, "just like we are."

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20-YEAR VIGIL ENDS

Soviet Jewry activists ended their two-decade-old vigil in front of the Soviet Embassy in Washington Sunday, saying their objective of free emigration had been achieved.

Berman at embassy in Moscow

Soviet Jew gets permission to enter Canada

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Canada says a Soviet Jew given refuge in the Canadian Embassy in Moscow is welcome to come to Canada if he desires and if the Soviet Union will allow him to emigrate.

Dmitri Berman, 26, cleared of a murder charge, went to the embassy after Soviet authorities said he would be tried again and confiscated his passport and other papers.

"To my knowledge Berman has not made a choice to come to Canada," Catarine Nagy of Canada's External Affairs Department told The CJN. "The door is open, the possibility is there."

The Canadian Jewish Congress has "urgently" requested that Berman be given continued asylum in the embassy until he is able to leave for Canada.

In a letter to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, the CJC said: "We wish to extend to the ambassador and his staff our appreciation for their reception and care of Mr. Berman, which are in the best humanitarian tradition of Canada."

Berman, who has been in the embassy since Jan. 2, was originally charged with the murder of a Moldavian soldier in the Red Army. He was convicted and sentenced to 13 years hard labor. At the request of the late Andrei Sakharov, Emmanuel Lurie, a famous refusenik, and M.S. Shulrufer, a noted civil rights lawyer, made the long train ride from Moscow to Nikolayev in the Ukraine to examine court records.

They were convinced of Berman's innocence and outraged that he had been kept in custody for months without warrant and not allowed to see his family.

Subsequently, on appeal, Berman was cleared but when he went to pick up his exit visa for Israel he was told that the central government in Moscow, at the request of the Moldavian Popular Front, decided he should be tried again.

The rest of his family was scheduled to leave for Israel Jan. 24.

His brother, Igor, has said that Dmitri is afraid that the Soviets will put him in a psychiatric hospital and drug him as they did while he was in prison, forcing him to sign a false confession.

Igor has also revealed that Dmitri is willing to stand trial again if there are international observers present.

"If he is surrendered to the Soviet authorities, he may not survive," Alan Rose, executive vice-president, CJC, said in his letter to Clark. The CJC will continue to work for Berman's release, he said.

Black community criticized for not supporting Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA)

Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval used the occasion of a Martin Luther King memorial gathering here Jan. 14 to express the "hurt" felt by Israelis that some of the most "vocal criticism of Israel" has come from the black community in the United States.

"We sometimes feel there is not enough sympathy for Israel's plight in the Middle East," which is "about our very right to exist," he said.

Shoval spoke at the Israeli Embassy's sixth annual commemoration of the slain civil rights leader's birthday, held in cooperation with the Jewish National Fund of America.

"I, as a Jew, am proud that among the leaders who fought for civil rights for African-Americans since the movement began at the start of the century were so many of my own people," the ambassador said.

"Jewish men and women organized, picketed and even died for this noble cause."

Shoval also pointed to Israel's record of providing economic and technical assistance to black Africa, as well as its opposition to apartheid and support of full political rights for all living in South Africa.

But the keynote speaker at the ceremony, Virginia governor Douglas Wilder, the first black elected governor of any state, entered the embassy to shouts by anti-Israel demonstrators accusing him of being a "traitor to his people" by attending the ceremony.

Wilder, who expressed support for continued economic and military aid to Israel, said it is important for people from various backgrounds to work together.

"Amidst such diversity, disagreements are bound to rise," he said. "Yet differences should not be viewed as liabilities."

During the ceremony, JNF presented its 1991 Civil Rights Awards to U.S. Appeals Court Judge Spotswood Robinson III, who was one of the leading lawyers in the landmark civil rights cases, and Hyman Bookbinder, former Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee.

The right of blacks and others "to be treated fairly and to be accepted as full partners in our pluralist society is part of the general struggle for freedom that includes the right of my people, the Jewish people, to be treated fairly and be accepted as full partners in a pluralist world," Bookbinder said.

Trees will be planted in the names of Robinson and Bookbinder among the more than 10,000 trees already in JNF's Martin Luther King Jr. Forest in Israel's Galilee.

EC lifts Israel sanctions

BRUSSELS (JTA) —

Israel's military restraint in the face of Iraq's successive missile attacks is bearing diplomatic fruits in the European Community, which not so long ago was penalizing the Jewish state for its handling of the Palestinian uprising.

In a reversal of policy, the European Commission, the EC's executive body, has decided to lift sanctions imposed one year ago against Israel in the field of scientific cooperation. The European Parliament, the legislative body of the EC, is expected to approve the decision.

The reversal of fortune was announced Jan. 25 in a telephone conversation between Abel Matutes, the EC's commissioner in charge of Mediterranean problems, and Avi Primor, Israel's ambassador to Belgium.

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POLISH, LITHUANIAN JEWS MAY LEAVE

ZURICH, Jan. 16, 1941 (JTA) —

The Nazi authorities in the Polish Government-General are permitting emigration of Polish Jews on payment of the equivalent of $750 (U.S.) per person it was reported here today. The "ransom" must be paid to the Passport Office before the authorities will arrange transit through Spain and Portugal, the report said. The requirement recalls the "emigration tax" levied on Jews emigrating from the Reich and Austria.

Persons of non-Polish origin in the Nazi-occupied Poland are receiving special "identity certificates" which exempt them from legislation aimed at the local population, according to reports from Warsaw. It is believed that they will be covered by special legislation. This category includes Lithuanian, Russians, White Russians, Ukrainians and Czechs.

The Warsaw Jewish Community has been permitted to institute Saturday as the official day of rest in the ghetto, instead of Sunday.

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NAZIS RAZE 100 POLISH SYNAGOGUES

LONDON, Jan. 17, 1941 (JTA) —

Nearly 100 synagogues have been demolished in the annexed zone of German-occupied Poland, it was reported here today. They include the 300-year-old synagogue at Grudzimidz and the old synagogue at Torun. The masonry was removed and metal fixtures were sent to German armament factories. In Poznan alone four synagogues were destroyed. Jewish cemeteries throughout the district were razed and the land plowed to be used for food-growing.

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JDC TO SEND MATZOS

NEW YORK, Jan. 17, 1941 (JTA) —

The Joint Distribution Committee intends to spend at least $250,000 (U.S.) to provide matzos for Jews in German-occupied countries, for entry of which the Nazi authorities have given permission, it was revealed today by Morris C. Troper, JDC European director.

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DUTCH JEWS ORDERED TO REGISTER

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 19, 1941 (JTA) —

German Commissioner Arthur Seyss-Inquart has ordered registration of all persons of Jewish blood in Holland within 30 days, beginning Jan. 24, on pain of imprisonment up to five years and confiscation of property, it was reported here today.

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NIGHT RAIDS ON PALESTINE FAIL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20, 1941 (JTA) —

Enemy planes attempted last night for the second successive night to raid Palestine, but did not succeed in crossing the coast. Warnings were sounded in Gaza, Tel Aviv and Haifa. The first night raid on Palestine in several months was staged by enemy planes over the southern part of the country Saturday. Their bombs fell in open fields, causing no damage.

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URUGUAY ADMITS 37 REFUGEES, BAR 15

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 20, 1941 (JTA) —

The authorities yesterday permitted disembarkation of 37 Jewish refugees with valid Uruguayan visas who arrived here on the Japanese steamship *Montevideo Maru* after a six-month journey via the Far East, but barred another 15 lacking documents, who proceeded to Argentina together with 140 passengers on the ship possessing Argentine visas.

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REFUGEES GO TO LISBON IN SEALED TRAINS

ZURICH, Jan. 22, 1941 (JTA) —

A monthly railway service for refugees in sealed trains, from Berlin to Lisbon, has been established, it was reported here today. The trains pass through Belgium, France and Spain. Tickets cost $57 (U.S.) plus 200 Reichsmarks.

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ALASKA REFUGEE BILL REVIVED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23, 1941 (JTA) —

Ex-Senator William H. King said today he would confer with Interior Department officials next week preparatory to seeking reintroduction of the bill calling for establishment of European refugee colonies in Alaska, which he sponsored in the last Congress.

ALL THE KING'S MEN

General H. Norman Schwarzkopf and Saudi King Fahd reviews U.S. troops on an eastern Saudi air base. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Wolf Hagaddah ownership set

GENEVA (JTA) —

The Polish government and the Jewish community of Berlin have agreed to end their legal dispute over ownership of the famed Wolf Haggadah.

An agreement between the Polish government and the Berlin Jewish community was reached through the efforts of the World Jewish Congress, which represents the German community. The accord stipulates that the 13th-century Haggadah, which before World War II belonged to the Berlin Jewish community, would be given to the National Jewish Library in Jerusalem.

In exchange, Israel will donate a symbolic cultural object to the Jewish Museum in Warsaw.

But the matter has not yet been resolved.

The Haggadah's putative owner, Natan Hecht of Montreal, and his representative, Berry Gross of Brooklyn, N.Y., who tried to sell the Haggada at an auction here, still have not agreed to relinquish their right to the rare piece of Judaica, which is valued at about $1.5 million.

Hecht and Gross are scheduled to appear at a Geneva court hearing on March 16.

If the court upholds the Berlin-Polish agreement, the Haggadah will be sent to Warsaw, where it will be formally presented to the Israeli ambassador to be conveyed to Jerusalem.

The Haggadah was to have gone on the block at the prestigious Geneva firm of Habsburg and Feldman's Judaica auction in June 1989, but was withdrawn at the last minute because of the conflicting claims of ownership.

It was placed in custody of the court in December 1989 until its ownership could be determined.

Then the Jewish communities of East and West Berlin, represented by the WJC, claimed the French-language Haggadah, which had been left to the Berlin Jewish community by its owner, a German Jew named Albert Wolf, who died in 1907. It had become part of the Jewish Kunstmuseum in Berlin.

Wolf's collection was seized by the Nazis in 1938 and dispersed in Eastern Europe during the war. It was found by Russians in 1944 and brought to the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, where it stayed for 40 years.

The Haggadah, on loan from the Warsaw institute, had been seen in New York in 1984 at the Jewish Museum. Shortly after it returned to Poland, the Polish Ministry of Culture reported it stolen.

Hecht, a Canadian collector of Judaica, claims he paid the Poles $200,000 bribery for the Haggadah.

Camp survivors sought

NEW YORK —

The U.S. department of justice has requested the assistance of the World Jewish Congress in locating survivors of two subcamps of the notorious Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria.

The department's office of special investigations, which is the government agency responsible for prosecuting Nazi criminals and their collaborators, is currently pursuing a case relating to the Mauthausen subcamps.

Specifically, the department is seeking to locate persons who were imprisoned in Loibl-Pass during the period of the summer of 1944 to May 1945 as well as Gusen I during the period of June 1942 to August of 1944.

The department points out that because there were a number of camps designated Gusen it seeks to identify Gusen I by noting that it contained several Austrian and German company plants including, Deutsche Erd- und Steinwerke, Steyr-Daimler-Puch, and Messerschmitt.

Individuals who can be of assistance in this investigation are asked to contact: Bessy Pupko, World Jewish Congress, 501 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10022, (212) 755-5770.

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Six hundred UJA members from all over the United States assembled at the Western Wall as part of their "Solidarity '91" mission. [IPPA photo]

Helps overcome war-related problems

Germany provides aid to Israel

BONN (JTA)

Germany's chancellor Helmut Kohl has announced that Germany would grant Israel $165 million to help overcome its economic problems, which have been worsened by the Persian Gulf War.

Kohl made the commitment after being accused by opposition Social Democrats and even members of his own Christian Democratic Union of insensitivity toward Israel, especially after the Jewish state became a target of Iraqi missile attacks.

The chancellor also promised to take swift, decisive action to halt German exports of "sensitive equipment" to Iraq or to any country where it could be routed to Baghdad.

German firms are known to have supplied the Iraqis with material, equipment and technology for the manufacture of chemical weapons.

Those revelations and what some Jews have perceived as a low-key response by Germany to the Iraqi missile attacks on Tel Aviv sent Jewish protesters into the streets of Frankfurt and other German cities with placards reading "German Gas 1944, German Gas 1991."

The Iraqi attacks so far have been by conventional, not chemical weapons. But some Israelis are concerned that Germany is not being sufficiently outspoken against the Iraqi attacks.

Yitzhak Arad, chairman of the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Authority, urged the Germans to lead the struggle against Iraqi aggression against Israel.

In a cable to the president of Germany, Richard von Weizsacker, Arad pointed out that it was German firms that supplied Iraq with most of the material to manufacture chemical weapons.

The German people have been demonstrating against the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, but they have not yet spoken out against the missiles or against Saddam Hussein's threats to Israel, Arad complained.

Yoel Alroi, mayor of Netanya, sent similar cables to the mayors of its German "twin cities," Dortmund and Giessen.

He expressed disappointment with the lack of support and solidarity with Israel, particularly after the missile attacks.

"From Germany and its institutions we expected more sensitivity and understanding these days," the message said.

Meanwhile, strong anti-American demonstrations continued in Germany protesting the U.S.-led Operation Desert Storm.

Prisoner swap outrages Jews

BRUSSELS (JTA) —

Senior government ministers seem embarrassed in the aftermath of a recent prisoner-for-hostages swap that freed a Palestinian terrorist convicted of murdering a Jewish child in Antwerp 10 years ago.

Foreign Minister Mark Eyskens passed off as a coincidence the simultaneous release of Said Nasser from Leuven Prison near Brussels and the freeing of four members of the Houtekins family, who were turned over to Belgian authorities in Cairo on Jan. 19, after more than three years in captivity.

Nasser, said to belong to the Abu Nidal terrorist group, was swiftly removed from Belgium and reportedly also landed in Cairo.

The Jewish community is outraged by the deal, which the news media reported months ago to be pending.

The Foreign Ministry had declined comment in August when a Beirut newspaper reported on an impending exchange. The newspaper had reported that the four members of the Houtekins family would be freed after "final bargaining" between the Belgian government and the Abu Nidal group.

Prime Minister Wilfried Martens denied in a television interview that there had been negotiations.

Martens said he was aware of how the Jewish community must feel, saying, "This is really hard for me."

Eyskens admitted that it was not a "very glorious" episode but refused to answer questions. He told reporters at a news conference here that "certain aspects of this affair must remain confidential."

The Israeli ambassador to Belgium, Avi Primor, declined to comment directly on the case. "We consider it a Belgian question," he said. But the envoy indicated he thought any exchange of a murderer for hostages was not a balanced transaction.

Nasser got a life sentence, which in Belgium is automatically commuted to 30 years. The prisoner became eligible for parole in July 1990 after serving a third of his sentence.

The four Houtekinses and four other members of their yachtng party who were previously released were reportedly kidnapped in November 1987 off the Libyan coast and held in Lebanon by the Abu Nidal group, also known as Fatah Revolutionary Council.

The Houtekins family — Emmanuel, 45; Godelieve, 40; and their children, Laurent, 20, and Valerie, 19 — were reported to be in good health.

Their release was reportedly brokered by Col. Moammar Gadhafi, the Libyan leader.

The Abu Nidal group had at the time of the kidnapping accused members of the yachting party of being agents of Mossad, the Israeli secret service. None is Jewish.

But according to news reports here, which cited Arab sources, the idea of seizing the passengers for the release of terrorists imprisoned in the West — including Nasser — originated with Ibrahim el-Bishari, former head of the Libyan secret police and currently foreign minister.

Gadhafi reportedly was not aware of Bishari's acts and decided after the kidnapping to hand over the hostages to the Abu Nidal group.

Nasser convicted for bus attack

Justice Minister Melchior Wathelet said he understands the Jewish community's concerns, but added that the Belgian authorities had the choice of sending four hostages to their deaths or freeing the prisoner, who was in any event eligible for parole under Belgian law.

Nasser was convicted of the June 1980 grenade attack on a bus outside the Agudat Israel office in Antwerp that was boarding Jewish youngsters for a religious summer camp.

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Thursday, Jan. 31

NOON HOUR LECTURES

Brown bag it and add a new dimension to your day with Lunch and Learn, a continuing series of free lunch-time lectures sponsored by the Book Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress at various locations in the downtown Toronto area. At 12.15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, Prince Edward Island writer **J.J. Steinfeld,** winner of the 1990 TJC Book Prize for his collection of *Holocaust Stories, Forms of Captivity and Escape* will consider Being a Jewish Writer in P.E.I. - Is That a Formula for Success? This gathering takes place in the offices of Goodman and Goodman, 20 Queen St. W., 30th Floor, Suite 3000.

Since space is limited, RSVP to **Rachel Rosenberg,** 635-2883. Beverages will be served.

Friday, Feb. 1

TEMPLE SINAI MUSICAL LEGACY

Accent on Youth is the theme for the next Musical Legacy program at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., Friday, Feb. 1, when the Religious School Choir, under the direction of **Ted Lebow,** provides choral music and cantorial solos for the Sabbath service. An Oneg Shabbat in celebration of the religious school follows, with dancing and art displays included.

The service begins at 8.15 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 2

ADELE WISEMAN TO SPEAK

Fiction writer **Adele Wiseman** will offer a personal perspective on The Challenge of Canadian Jewish Writers, during a Beth Tikvah Sisterhood Family Shabbat at morning services in the shul, 3080 Bayview Ave., 9 a.m., Sat. Feb. 2.

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Sunday, Feb. 3

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The Royal Canadian Institute offers a series of free science lectures on Sundays at 3 p.m. in the H.J.R. Macleod Auditorium, Medical Sciences Building, University of Toronto.

Ice in the Environment will be the subject for Professor **Peter Adams,** Department of Geography, watershed ecosystems program, Trent University, Peterborough.

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JEWISH FILM SOCIETY

Life of Emile Zola, a 1937 film produced in the United States, will be screened by the Toronto Jewish Film Society, 7.30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3 at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 4th Floor.

Admission is by membership only. To inquire further, phone 635-2883, ext. 154.

ABOUT CHIROPRACTORS

Congregation Habonim's Breakfast Club, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst and Glencairn), cordially invites you to hear **D.R. Dos Santos,** of the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College, speak and show slides responding to the question, Do Chiropractors Really Help? and Myths.

Charge for breakfast and lecture is $5 per person.

ISRAEL AND THE MASHIACH

The Yavneh Olami lecture series, From Swords into Ploughshares, concludes with a pertinent focus, Is Modern Day Israel Ready for the Mashiach? **Rabbi Moshe Sherman,** assistant professor of Jewish History at York University and **Rabbi Marty Lockshin,** associate professor in the Humanities Department at York, offer historical, religious and political viewpoints, 7.30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3 at Tiferet Israel Congregation, 756 Sheppard Ave. W. (just east of Wilmington)

Yavneh Olami is an organization geared to young adults and students.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION

On Feb. 3 the Secular Jewish Association will hold a Sunday Funday at the JCC Valley Branch, Leslie and Steeles, beginning at 12.30 p.m. There will be a winter picnic lunch, outdoor fun (weather permitting), and a Tu b'Shevat program with songs, arts and crafts and games.

For details, call **Sandy Horowitz,** 229-9313.

PERSONAL TAX & RETIREMENT

Check your knowledge when accountant **Aki Chencinski** discusses Personal Tax and Retirement Planning at the Sunday, Feb. 3 meeting of Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club. Service is at 9, breakfast 9.30 and everyone is welcome at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Monday, Feb. 4

CAMP BILUIM ISRAEL 1991

Camp Biluim Israel is planning a meeting for parents whose children are eligible (age 17 in grade 11) for the Biluim Israel 1991 program. The directors will be present to discuss the program, itinerary, policies, costs and other issues relevant to the Biluim Israel program.

The meeting is slated for 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4 in the Haifa Room, 788 Marlee Ave.

BETH TIKVAH ADULT ED

Beth Tikvah's Adult Education topic this semester centres on The Jew - What Price for Freedom? a historical and political exploration of the effects of emancipation on 19th and 20th century Jews. At 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, **Prof. Arnold Ages** will examine Germany: The Paradox of German Jewry from Fatherland, to Holocaust, to Germany Today.

Beth Tikvah Synagogue is at 3080 Bayview Ave.

MONDAY MAGIC

Come out, listen to interesting speakers, share coffee and experiences with other mothers of young children. Monday MAGIC (Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy) meets on Monday mornings from 9.30-11.30 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Babysitting is available with mature, caring and experienced sitters.

For information, call **Sharon** at 783-7726.

SHAAR SHALOM LECTURE SERIES

Historical personalities come to life in a Monday evening lecture series at Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill (one block north of Steeles and Don Mills.) At 8 p.m. Feb. 4, **Rabbi Martin Lockshin** will probe The Dark Side of King David.

There is a nominal charge.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

HOLY BLOSSOM STUDY GROUP

The Tuesday morning women's lecture and discussion group meets at 9.45 a.m. in the boardroom of Holy Blossom Temple. Babysitting is available from 9.30-11.30 a.m. The Feb. 5 session with **Elaine Kahn** will zero in on Jewish Feminism.

To inquire further, phone **Rhonda,** 663-3812.

LA FRATERNITE, B'NAI BRITH

B'nai Brith Lodge, La Fraternite, will hold its monthly meeting 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 15 Hove St. At that time, members will hold a discussion in French, expressing their concern about the current Middle East situation.

For more information, call 255-6086.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will be focusing on the Book of Samuel Part II Chapter II with **Rabbi Irwin Witty,** on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

The group meets 8-10 p.m. at Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

SYMPHONY FOR YOUTH

The Phantom of the Symphony Returns - Kids, if you're between 4 and 10 years of age, this is for you. No one really knows how the Phantom of the Symphony will turn up or what he'll do.

Experience the sound and excitement of the York Symphony Youth Orchestra and the York Symphony Orchestra, in concert at the Toronto Waldorf School, 9100 Bathurst St. in Thornhill at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6. The concert lasts about 45 minutes, so you won't keep the adults out too late.

Admission is $3 per child and you can bring an adult or two absolutely free. Phone (416) 881-2886.

KABALLAH II

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham's adult education series, Kabbalah II, with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin,** continues on Wednesday, Feb. 6 with Why the Jews? The chosen people and how they fit into the scheme of things.

The lecture starts 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. For information, call 886-0420.

BOOK PRESENTATION

Lewis Levendel (left) presents a copy of his book, A Century of The Canadian Jewish Press: 1880s-1980s, to Federal Secretary of State (Multiculturalism) Gerry Weiner. The Multiculturalism Directorate assisted in the publication of the book by Borealis Press of Ottawa. The National Library of Canada will offically launch the book at a reception on February 7 at the library in Ottawa. Levendel, former associate editor of The Canadian Jewish News, serves as communications director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region (Zephyr Studios).

Thursday, Feb. 7

FOREST HILL LIBRARY

Films scheduled to begin at 1.30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 in Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave., W. are Eduardo Uruguayo (1983) and A Tale of Two Mosques (1984).

THE ROOTS OF ANTI-SEMITISM

Selma Sage moderates a four-part in-depth series on The Roots and Realities of Anti-Semitism, under the auspices of National Council of Jewish Women, 8 p.m. Thursdays at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. On Feb. 7, in the third lecture, **Dr. Mark Weber** will ask, Who's Afraid of a United Germany? A Jewish Perspective.

Cost per individual talk is $10, $7.50 for seniors.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

JEWISH INFORMATION SERVICE

Jewish Information Service can assist you in finding individuals who want to babysit, assist a senior, teach Hebrew, offer day care, or help around the house. Those looking for these positions have registered with JIS. You can also have a card posted to indicate that you are looking for this type of work.

For more information, call 635-5600 Monday to Friday, 9.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. Let Jewish Information Service help you connect. JIF is a department of Toronto Jewish Congress/United Jewish Appeal.

NCSY EVENTS

NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) looks forward to the Regional Junior Shabbaton, Grades 6-8, scheduled for Friday, Feb. 1-3 in Montreal. The Senior Shabbaton, Grades 9-13, is set for Feb. 22-24, also in Montreal. A Halifax Shabbaton is slated for Feb. 8-10.

Information is available about the Toronto ski trip, Sunday, Feb. 10.

To inquire further, call in Toronto (416) 782-4426 and in Montreal, (514)489-2286.

FLAUTIST AT YORK SYMPHONY

Internationally known flautist **Susan Hoeppner** will perform Mozart's Flute Concerto No. 1 with the York Symphony Orchestra in two concerts under the direction of conductor **Roberto De Clara,** Saturday, Feb. 9 at Aurora High School and Sunday, Feb. 10 at Markham Theatre. Both concerts begin at 7.30 p.m. The program will also include works by **Brahms, Schubert, Strauss** and **Radetsky.**

Tickets, available for Saturday's concert by phoning (416)881-2886 and for Sunday's concert by calling (416)479-0201, are $12 adults, $8 students and seniors, $4 children. Tickets for Saturday's concert may also be purchased at Bigg's Gallery and Framing Shop and R & R Book Bar

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STUDENTS AID OPERATION EXODUS

Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto Junior High Student Council (1989-90) leaders Mara Berman, Nikki Holland, Aaron Levinoff and Stephanie Tencer, present a $3,000 cheque to United Jewish Appeal co-chairmen Schuyler (Skippy) Sigel (left) and Gerry Halbert (right). The cheque is to be directed toward Operation Exodus and these students represent hundreds of the school's students who are participating in this rescue mission.

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in Aurora, at Sam the Record Man, Hillcrest Mall in Richmond Hill, or at the door.

JVS JOB-SEARCH WORKSHOPS

Jewish Vocational Service of Toronto is offering job-search workshops on a monthly basis. For more information, call **Anat** or **Kay,** 787-1151.

PALLIATIVE CARE COURSE

A training program for volunteers interested in working with the terminally ill will be offered on six consecutive Tuesday evenings, Feb. 19-March 26 inclusive, starting 7 o'clock at Toronto Grace Hospital, 650 Church St.

Please phone 925-2251 ext. 256/7.

TO LEARN JEWISH PRAYER

An ongoing workshop on Learning the Shabbat Morning Service continues on Monday evenings, 7.30-8.45, followed by a Beginning Talmud Class, 9-10 p.m., at Shaare Haim Synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill.

This is co-sponsored by Shaare Haim and United Synagogue Day School parents.

For more details, call 884-3353.

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR

Cancer: Caring for the Whole Person, is a one-day seminar for health professionals, at the Price Waterhouse Continuing Education Centre, Queen's Quay Terminal, 8 a.m.-3.50 p.m., Friday, April 12.

Advance registration is required. Contact the Canadian Cancer Society, 2 Carlton St., Suite 701, Toronto, Ontario, M5B 2J2. for additional information.

HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTATION

Holocaust survivors who wish to record their stories have been participating in the Toronto Jewish Congress Documentation Project since 1987.

If you are a survivor who spent the war in Nazi-occupied Europe, whether in the camps, in hiding, passing as a non-Jew or in the resistance, the committee would like to record your story on videotape for the archives. You will receive a copy of your testimony.

For further information and an application form, call 635-2883, ext. 153.

ROMANIAN EXHIBITION

An exhibition examining Romanian culture through artifacts, photos, ceramics and books, will be mounted in the main display area of Robarts Library, Feb. 4-28.

The show is free and sponsored by the Romanian-Canadian Society and the Department of Alumni and Community Relations, University of Toronto.

Robarts Library is located at 130 St. George St., just south of Bloor, and is open daily until 10 p.m.

To inquire further, call 978-4111.

MATURE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Terrace Gardens Retirement Home, 3705 Bathurst St. (immediately south of Hwy. 401), is looking for volunteers to help with social programs and one-to-one visiting.

Please call **Ella,** 789-7679.

PREPARING FOR PASSOVER

Be ready for Pesach this year. Register in advance for a Passover Demonstration and Discussion to be held at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St., 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 5. The menu will include such delectables as farfel, patties with mushroom sauce, filet of sole casserole with vegetables, lemon meringue pie and cheesecake. Fee for this course is $15 per person.

Mail to Cynthia Gasner, Kashruth Council, Toronto Jewish Congress, 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 420, Willowdale, Ont., M2R 3V2.

TIKVAH TOTS PLAYGROUP

Register now for Tikvah Tots, a creative playgroup for mothers and young children (1-3 years), combining music, crafts and games. Hebrew songs and Jewish customs will be emphasized. The program runs from 9.30-11 a.m.

For additional information, call **Teri Rubinoff,** at the Beth Tikvah youth office, 221-8994.

FIRST NATIONS CONFERENCE

University of Toronto law students will host a one-day conference on First Nations Justice in this Land, beginning 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8 at the Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park. Legal experts, native leaders and members of Parliament will participate.

For ticket information, contact **Anne Stoner,** 978-3725.

GROUNDHOG WINTER CARNIVAL

How long will winter last? The Kortwright Centre for Conservation has its very own Gary, the Groundhog, who will make his prediction at the annual Winter Carnival, planned for Feb. 2 and 3. Activities at the carnival include winter games, activity tables, a groundhog facts slide show and on Sunday at 1 p.m. the KC Challenge Ski Race for children. All programs take place with or without snow, so make plans to be there, no matter what the weather.

The Kortwright Centre is located on Pine Valley, south of Major Mackenzie Dr. and west of Weston Rd.

AT KEHILLAT SHAAREI TORAH

Kehillat Shaarei Torah and NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) present the newest location for weekly classes in Jewish topics of particular interest to high school students. Classes are on Wednesdays from 4.30-6.30 p.m. at the synagogue. Call **Rabbi Steven Cohen,** 229-2600 to register.

Kehillat Shaarei Torah is offering a Hebrew Reading class 7.30 p.m. Wednesdays. Rabbi Cohen uses the standard siddur, explaining the structure of synagogue prayer services as you improve your reading skills.

And, Kehillat Shaarei Torah provides a step-by-step course to take you through participation in synagogue services - putting on tallis and tefillen, having an aliya to the Torah and following the siddur, 8.30 p.m. Wednesdays.

On four consecutive Mondays, starting 7.30 p.m. Feb. 4 at the synagogue, Rabbi Cohen will probe the deeper story of Purim which underlies the text.

All of these courses take place at the synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave., (below Sheppard). Call 229-2600, to register.

KIDNEY CANVASS

Canvassers are needed to assist in the Toronto & District Chapter of the Kidney Foundation of Canada's annual door-to-door campaign in March, its largest fund-raising event of the year. Help support medical research, patient services and public education programs.

Individuals are also needed as telephone recruiters to expand the volunteer base. Each recruiter can work from home and is responsible for contacting a designated area.

Anyone interested in supporting The Kidney Foundation with its "Fight for Life" is asked to call **Jonathan Noyek** at 445-0373.

LUBAVITCH MINI-SHABBATON

All Jewish women are invited to a mini-Shabbaton, Beauty and Beyond: A Total Makeover, Feb. 1 and 2, at the Lubavitch Community Centre in Thornhill. Guests stay in neighboring homes and participate in activities at 770 Chabad Gate.

The program includes a scrumptious Shabbat Friday night meal followed by a keynote speech, Cleansing: From the Inside Out and a farbrengen - a chassidic soul talk, a time for women to discuss the nitty gritty of their lives in an informal setting. Dynamic guest speakers, **Rebbetzin Yehudis Heller** and **Tzirel Weinbaum,** will contribute to a Shabbat afternoon panel examining the challenges of parenting. Workshops where mothers can consider specific contemporary problems, will follow.

The Shabbaton concludes with a Malava Malka - an Israeli buffet dinner, entertainment by

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TAU FRIENDS MEETING

From across the country, executive directors of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University (from left) Seymour Aron (National) Carol Slater (Western Canada) and Joe King (Quebec and Eastern Canada) attend the National Board Meeting of the organization in Toronto.

EMUNAH CONCERT

Mike Burstyn, (centre) star of Broadway, film and TV, delighted over 500 people who braved an icy winter evening to attend the Emunah Women of Toronto's Annual Concert held at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Synagogue. Seen with Mike are, (from left) Consul General Benjamin Abileah, Ruth Abileah, Anne Roseman and Sheba Saunders.

MILLION DOLLAR NOTE

Participating in another million dollar note syndication are Israel bond supporters (from left) Ed Glina, Debbie Glina, David Friedman, Fred Guth and Tom Koffler with Debra Ise from the Bank of Nova Scotia.

MISSION

Susan Kahn, vice-president of the Toronto Council of Emunah Women of Canada, is seen in Jerusalem recently at the conclusion of a mission to Israel of 140 members of Emunah and Mizrachi, the women's and men's religious Zionist organizations. Members met with government and civic leaders plus those involved in Russian immigrant absorption and were also able to greet newcomers at the airport and visit with them at the absorption centres. Emunah Women of Canada has 1,200 members throughout the country.

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singer/composer **Ariella Goldberg** and Tzirel Weinbaum's talk on Conditioning: Radiating the Inner Beauty.

Cost is $75 for the entire Shabbaton, $30 for individual sessions. For more information, call 731-7000.

SPEECH AND STROKE CENTRE

The Speech and Stroke Centre, North York, would like to hear from you if you are interested in volunteering to help adult stroke survivors improve their communication skills. Clear spoken English is important. Experience is not essential. Training is provided. For further information, please call **Linda,** 226-3636.

HOUSE OF STUDY

Ohr Somayach JEP Thornhill, welcomes you to a new course explaining some of the deeper philosophies within the context of Judaism. Among the subjects to be considered are, The Coming of the Mashiach, Life After Death, Is Judaism Sexist? Personal Responsibility Versus Faith.

The course, which is free and open to any level, beginner to advanced, men and women, is conducted by **Rabbi Yaakov Kerzner,** Sunday evenings, 8-9 p.m. at Ohr Somayach Wing, Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill.

To inquire further, call 886-5730.

THE HERITAGE OF CHILDREN

Are you being denied access to your grandchildren? Children have a right to know their heritage, say the members of a group called The Heritage of Children, who are working to ensure grandparents' access to grandchildren.

For information about this group, call **Abraham Silver** or **Sylvia Lusher** at (416)656-5408.

READINGS AT HARBOURFRONT

Harbourfront Reading Series launches its second annual Winter's Tales - A Festival of Contemporary Fiction, focusing on the novel and short story. To be featured are some of the best and newest writers currently at work in the English language - a help in selecting your winter book list.

The readings take place nightly at 8 p.m., Feb. 5-9, in the Brigantine Room, York Quay Centre.

Tickets are $10.70 (includes GST), Reading Series members free, and are available from the Harbourfront box office, 973-4000 and Ticket-Master Canada, 872-1111. For Reading Series membership information, phone 973-4760.

For details about the readings, call 973-3000.

for seniors

Senior Sinais' Golden Book is ongoing. Your donations for special occasions go to Kibbutz Yahal, Israel. Place your order with **Frances Malkin,** 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein,** 630-3862, between 7 and 9 p.m.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club holds a dance every Saturday evening, 7.30-10.30 in the clubhouse. No charge for members, $1 for non-members. A dance with a live band is set for Sunday, Feb. 3 at the community centre in the park, Bathurst and Sheppard. Members $3, non-members $4. Movies are shown every other Wednesday in the clubhouse at 2 p.m. The next screening is on Feb. 6. Ongoing activities offered in conjunction with North York Board of Education include ballroom and line dancing and fitness. Bridge resumes Monday, April 8. Other activities are shuffleboard and woodwork crafts. For information, call 636-7856, Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Friendship Club at **Forest Hill Library,** 700 Eglinton Ave. W., offers bridge and other activities for seniors, Mondays and Tuesdays, 12-5 p.m. For more information call the library, 393-7706.

The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Bloor Y Branch, offers many exciting programs. Included are dancing, knitting, bridge, fitness and much more. To find out about these and other programs, call **Nurit** at 924-6211 ext. 36.

JCC Seniors, North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., are having a Scarf-Tying Workshop with **Eleanor Waldman,** 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5. Bring your scarves and learn how to make a dressy decorative accessory. For informaton, call **Teme,** 636-1880, ext. 364.

The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening, 7.30-9.30 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. On Feb. 6 there will be a social gathering and bingo. To inquire further, call **Avner Meiri** at 663-1443 or **Oved Azuri** at 631-9794 or **Gitit Gilran** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club provides an ongoing program in conjunction with North York Board of Education. The World Before Your Eyes via Armchair Travel, every second Monday, continues on Feb. 4. The next Joy of Music program with **Ella Krylov,** is on Feb. 11. An open discussion group on mental stimulation resumes in the spring. Bridge is scheduled for the spring, as well. An outing is planned for May 14 to see the ballet Sleeping Beauty at the O'Keefe Centre. Call **Lena,** 785-5773 or **Ruth,** 224-5923 for information about the trip to Switzerland, May 28-June 11, staying in kosher hotels. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Blumenfeld,** 787-1526.

Holy Blossom Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group, meets at noon on alternate Wednesdays at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. There is no charge. Bring your own lunch. Coffee and cookies will be served. Everyone is welcome. On Feb. 13, **Cheryl Shulman,** a genetic counsellor at the Hospital for Sick Children, will speak on genetics and the importance of maintaining good family history, explaining too, how grandparents can be a needed part of the chain.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows' Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help one another deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is on Sunday, Feb. 3 from 1-2.30 p.m. in the library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Group coordinator is **Toby Warsh.** For more information, call **Gitit Gilran** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

A recently formed **Romanian Discussion Group** meets from 1.30 to 3 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For more information, contact **Gitit Gilran,** 789-5131, ext. 2271.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Everyone is welcome to attend the next Sunday afternoon movie, Ruthless People, at 2 p.m. Feb. 3. Members free, non-members $1.

Enjoy entertainment by **Polin Shier** and **Michael Khinkis,** at the Wednesday afternoon social, 1.30 p.m., Feb. 6. Refreshments will be served. Members $2, non-members $3.

The Lifelong Learning Institute's Book Club which meets weekly 1-3 p.m. with group leader **Jim McDonald,** welcomes new members. Also open to new members is Creative Writing with **Sylvia Warsh,** Fridays, 9.30 a.m. until noon.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and single, meets every other Thursday at 7 p.m. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only. The fee is $1 and refreshments are served. At the Feb. 7 meeting, Creative Living's own choir will perform.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre Health Lecture Series focuses on Devices for Independent Living, 1.30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 in the synagogue. Occupational therapist **Carol Kelly,** will show you assistive devices to help you live at home with greater comfort and ease. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

DONATION

Lou Ginsberg, vice-president and fund-raising chairman of Don Mills Lodge, B'nai Brith Canada, presents a check to Reena Foundation executive director Sandy Keshen in support of the organization's Judaic-education programs for the developmentally handicapped. The lodge is sponsoring Reena's annual family seder to be held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue this year.

at the JCC

North/East Valley Branch, Jewish Community Centre, offers adult duplicate bridge for members, every Monday evening, 7.30-11 p.m. Cost is $3 per session. A pre-game seminar with **Ken Murray** is currently being offered. To inquire further, call **Luni,** 889-0813

The North/East Valley branch is initiating a new group, Twentysomething (ages 24-35). If you are interested in getting involved, call Luni, 889-0813.

The N/E Valley Singles Network is going moonlight bowling on Saturday, Feb.5. Meet at the North/East Valley, 7015 Leslie St. at 8.30 p.m. for munchies and games, and then it's off to the alley. Call **Luni,** to reserve in advance.

The N/E Singles Network is looking for volunteers to help plan programs. If interested, call **Luni,** 889-0813.

And, the Singles Network is planning a house party on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. Cost is $5. To reserve, phone Luni.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline, 889-5101, for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

About People

ORDER OF CANADA FOR NOBLE

Cynthia, (Cinnie) Noble, daughter of Pearle and Victor Noble of London, Ont., has been appointed a Member of the Order of Canada.

Cynthia Noble

In 1976, Noble, a former social worker, created the first travel agency in Canada that specialized in arranging group tours and individual trips for persons with disabilities. As manager of Handi-Tours, a division of the former Calladine and Baldry, she also conducted training programs and provided consultation to airlines, hotels etc., on ways to service persons with disabilities and facilitate their integration into the mainstream of travel.

Concerned about attitudinal barriers as well as architectural ones encountered by persons who are disabled, Noble recently developed a sensitivity awareness training program under the aegis of the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled to be offered to personnel in service industries.

The author of *The Handicapped Traveller: A Guide for Travel Counsellors* and *Handi-Travel, A Resource Book for Disabled and Elderly Travellers*, Noble gained international recognition in 1981 when she received an award from the British Tourist Authority for her outstanding contribution to travel for people with disabilities.

Noble is currently practising family law in Toronto. She continues however, to work as a consultant on various projects aimed at facilitating travel for disabled people.

BIRTHDAY

Lewis Friedlich, who celebrated his 90th birthday recently, was honored by friends and the Givatyim ORT Chapter in Toronto with the establishment of a scholarship in his name to support a Russian immigrant student attending an ORT school in Israel. Friedlich, seen here with his wife Aurelia, was born in Budapest and came to Canada before World War II. He and his wife have two sons, Steven and Tom as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

Metro Toronto Singles presents a singles night at **Earl's Tin Palace**, 150 Eglinton Ave. East. **Sunday, February 3, 8:00pm**. Cover $10.00. 222-7111, for information. 3459

Adath Israel Singles (30-50 Years) Friday, Feb. 8, 8pm, Adath Israel Synagogue, Oneg Shabbat. Topic: Intermarriage, Why Not? Guest speaker - Rabbi Sheldon Korn. For more information call the Rabbi, 635-5340. 3541

Toronto Orthodox Singles Inc. presents a **Toronto Shabbaton** at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, February 22-24, 1991. Fee *$195 till February 1, after *$209. For furthur information contact Sharon Ganz 785-0761, Cheryl Kupfer 229-4426, Ruth Balofsky 764-5833.**(*G.S.T. included)** 3479

Beth Tikvah Singles (35-55) invites you to join us for an Oneg Shabbat Pot Luck (Dairy) at a members home, February 8. For reservations call 882-9057.
February 10, "Greet and Meet" at a members home. For information call 882-9057. 3563

C.A.R.P. stresses importance for retirees to have options

TORONTO —

The Canadian Association of Retired Persons, responding to the recent Supreme Court ruling on mandatory retirement, has called for changing attitudes toward the mature worker.

"We feel strongly," stated Lillian Morgenthau, president of the 52,000-member national organization for Canadians over 50, "that six months before an employee's 65th birthday, options should be considered that would be suitable to both parties. We realize that some unions favor mandatory retirement as protection for workers, and we believe such protection should still be built into the system. However, with the increasing greying of the population, business can no longer afford to put productive workers 'out to pasture' on an arbitrary date.

"As the Supreme Court minority report says, such age discrimination mainly hurts the non-unionized half of the workforce, particularly women, who are least likely to have adequate and indexed pensions.

"The success of two recent Job Fairs sponsored by C.A.R.P. illustrates the attitude changes going on in this country. At our most recent Job Fair . . . more than 8,000 jobseekers were able to visit 100 booths where employers were actively seeking mature workers for full-time, part-time and flexible-time jobs. Because in difficult economic times such initiatives are even more important, we have organized another Job Fair to take place at the Sheraton Centre, 123 Queen St. West in downtown Toronto on April 11."

C.A.R.P. is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for Canadians 50 or over, retired or not. In addition to the publication of a quarterly, C.A.R.P. acts as an advocate before governments and provides an ever-increasing list of savings on accommodation, car rental, insurance, car care, and vision care.

Membership which includes spouse, is $10 per year or $25 for three years. For information, contact C.A.R.P., 27 Queen St. E., Suite 304, Toronto, Ontario M5C 2M6.

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Technion playing key role in absorbing Russian olim

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE —

Technion is playing a critical role in the absorption of the wave of Russian immigrants, Prof. Michael Marinov, a Russian immigrant told the national board of the Canadian Technion Society at their annual meeting here recently.

Describing his own experience as a Refusenik in the Soviet Union, Marinov, who reached Israel in 1987, expressed his gratification at being accorded a position in Technion's faculty of physics, where he has been teaching and conducting research in quantum field theory for the last two years.

Marinov stated that this influx of immigrants included an extremely high percentage of engineers and scientists, many of whom required orientation and retraining in order to equip them to be integrated productively into the western-type Israeli economy.

He detailed the programs that Technion had prepared for this purpose and the initiatives that Technion was taking in encouraging the entrepreneurial ventures of newly-arrived scientists and engineers who had innovative concepts that would develop into productive industries.

Marinov explained that because there is a very high proportion of Russian Jewish professionals, particularly in the sciences and engineering, a large number of university-aged children of these immigrants wish to attend Technion.

He told the audience that the Technion's reputation is well known in the Soviet Union, and many immigrants arrive at the Technion in Haifa to apply for admission the day after they arrive in Israel.

As a result, he said, Technion will have to increase enrollment by 10 per cent, augment the number of researchers and academicians and greatly expand its pre-academic program to accommodate all the applicants who wish to study Hebrew and English prior to admission.

Reports were presented by Chapter presidents Arnold Recht (Toronto); Ike Wenger (Montreal); Fran Cohen (Western Region); and Alan Tapper (Vancouver Regional Director).

Harold Garfinkle, the national treasurer, in his financial report noted that income had increased by five per cent.

Syd Cooper, national president, noted that the Ivanier-Canada Faculty Centre was now under construction, and that three of the six student residences for which funds have been raised were also complete and occupied by students.

Barrie Rose, chairman of the Toronto Technion High Tech Fund, reported that this fund of over a million dollars, contributed by a group of Toronto families, had decided to provide Technion with the funds necessary to implement its "entrepreneurship program."

This, he hoped, would both helped the integration of a number of Soviet immigrants, and also develop new industries, which would become a source of employment for many more Israelis and, hopefully, a source of export income for the State.

Mannie Shimoni, executive vice-president, detailed Technion's plans for integration of Soviet academicians, undergraduate and graduate students, and outlined proposals for a 1991 fund-raising campaign that would provide some of the funds urgently required by the university for these programs.

The meeting was presided over by Morley Blankstein of Winnipeg, chairman of the board.

On the occasion of the Canadian Technion Society National Board meeting, Toronto Chapter President Arnold Recht presents a "Gold Technion Pin" to Pauline Menkes (right) and Florence Cooper in appreciation for the Cooper and Menkes gifts for the Toronto Student Residences Campaign.

Sephardic Or Haemet realizes growth in student body

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Enrolment at Or Haemet, Toronto's only Sephardi day school, has increased to 300.

"Despite the hard times and economic struggles of our parents, Jewish education is still our top priority," said Rabbi Eliezer Rokach, its principal.

The curriculum has been extended to include a Sunday program for boys in grades five through eight. The Sunday program covers Jewish studies and physical education.

"All efforts are being made to realize the dream of a new permanent building for our school," said Jacques Benquesues, president of the school board.

"We're all working hard to bring about a permanent location at the northwest corner of Bathurst and Steeles so we can move out of rented quarters," said Maurice Benzacar, board chairman and chairman of the fund raising committee.

In addition to children from Ethiopia, Argentina and Israel, the school includes several new pupils from Sephardi families who have come to Toronto from the Soviet Republic of Georgia.

All in all, he said, the growth of enrolment shows that Or Haemet is serving an ever-growing portion of the Sephardi population.

Directing the overall program is Rabbi Amram Assayag of Petah Tikvah Synagogue, who is president of the Vaad Harabonim.

Or Haemet offers a full range of both Jewish and general studies.

The former include Hebrew, Tanach, Gemara, Jewish history, laws and customs. General studies are English, French, science, geography, social studies, home economics and physical education.

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Organizations and People

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UIA works with youth to create tomorrow's leaders

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

"It touched a part of me that had never been touched before" — Benson Gorber, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

"Meeting the Soviet Jews at Ben Gurion Airport ...brought tears of happiness to my eyes"— Jonathan Mendelson, Halifax.

These are only two examples of how deeply affected young Canadian Jews are when they visit Israel as part of the youth-to-youth exchange.

This is a program in which Canadian Jewish teenagers spend three weeks in Israel, half the time living with Israeli families and helping out on community projects and the other half travelling the country with their Israeli hosts. Lasting friendships result and some of the Israeli youngsters visit Canada as well.

Today much energy is being poured into the youth programs that UIA of Canada sponsors: Youth-to-Youth exchanges with settlements in Israel, March of the Living,and Operation Exodus on Campus which has resulted in hundreds of university students becoming actively involved in Jewish causes.

What helped bring these programs into bloom was the realization that Canadian Jewish youth represented an untapped reservoir of strength. "We know that the leadership of the future Canadian Jewish community must come from today's youth," said Walter Hess, executive vice-president of UIA of Canada.

In the past few years, Hess said, the UIA of Canada has been fortunate in developing a dedicated group of volunteers and staff working with youth.

They include Lou Sklar, national chairman of Project Renewal, Barney Harris, national field director, and Eli Rubenstein, director of youth programs.

Hess said Rubenstein, a young man himself, has devised imaginative and innovative ways of inspiring enthusiasm in young people. "I get a little tired of hearing that young Jewish people are apathetic," said Rubenstein. "It's not true, there are great kids out there."

When the March of the Living young people came back from Auschwitz and Birkenau and from Israel and made their reports to community groups in their own towns and cities, the response was tremendous.

A total of 340 Canadian young people took part in the March, representing a broad section of various elements in the Jewish community. For example, in Toronto more than half the marchers were from public and private secular high schools and the rest from parochial schools.

They heard Peter Kleinman of Montreal say Kaddish in one of the barracks at Auschwitz for his mother who died in the Holocaust.

In fact, March of the Living (which will be repeated in 1992 with 196 Canadian participants) produced an amazing outpouring of poetry, commentaries and essays reflecting the depth of their experience, said chairperson Rosanne Ain.

One idea being explored by UIA of Canada and Keren Hayesod is that a future March of the Living will not only include visits to the infamous concentration camps and Israel but to newly rejuvenated Jewish communities in the Soviet Union.

Rubenstein will be travlling across Canada in February to interview applicants for the Youth-to-Youth exchange. A total of 40 will be chosen, 10 from Toronto, nine from the Atlantic Region and Ontario, five from Winnipeg, eight from Edmonton and eight from Calgary.

The Youth-to-Youth exchange program in which Canadian cities sponsor visits to Israeli communities leaves a lasting impression on its participants.

"Personally the program...created a bond with Israel that will last forever," said Shayne Landon, Oshawa, Ontario. "Probably the best experience of my life," said Joshua Marans, Kingston, Ontario. "I find this has changed me in many ways," said Sophie Boulakia, Ottawa. "I now feel a close bond to Israel."

In the Youth-to-Youth exchange, Ontario and the Atlantic Region is linked to Or Yehuda, near Tel Aviv, Toronto with Beit Dagan, also near Tel Aviv, and Eilat, Winnipeg with Gan Yavneh, near the resort city of Ashdod, south of Tel Aviv, Calgary with Mazkeret Batia, also near Ashdod, and Edmonton with Metulla, on the Lebanese border.

Operation Exodus on Campus has been such a success that the goal of $125,000 to finance a planeload of Soviet Jews to Israel is assured.

Four Canadian university students have returned after meeting their counterparts in Moscow, Kiev and Dnepropetrovsk and attending a conference with other Jewish students in Israel. They are Shawn Kendall, of Toronto, national chairman of Operation Exodus on Campus, Dan Marans, London, Candice Cooper and Arlene Bergman of Toronto.

Toronto students (from left) Dena Libman and Megan Bochner and (far right) Hi Dwosh make friends with two Israeli teens in Beit Dagan.

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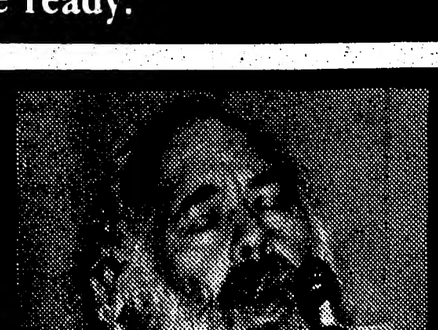

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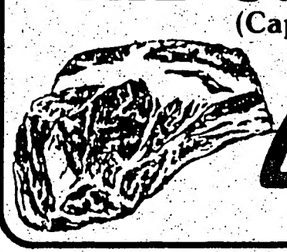

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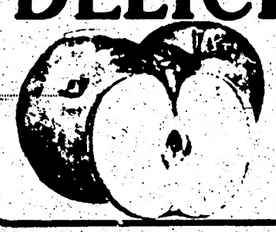

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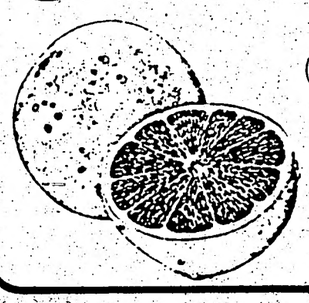

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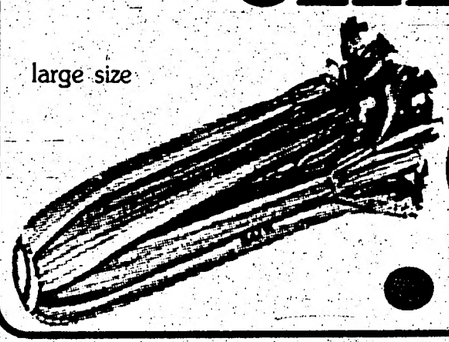

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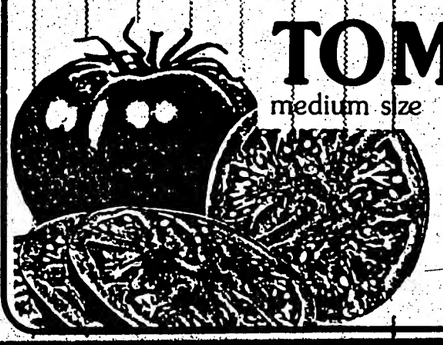

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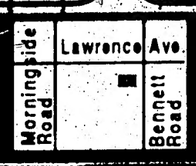

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Organizations and People

Soviets taught by fellow Russians at Ben-Gurion U.

BEERSHEBA —

Eighty young Soviet immigrants enrolled this year at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev have every reason to feel truly at home in their new surroundings.

These newcomers to Israel, 45 of them students of mathematics and computer sciences and the remainder studying physics, are being taught in Russian by BGU faculty members who themselves immigrated from the Soviet Union.

The "direct absorption" program underway in the department of mathematics and computer sciences was devised by Prof. Michael Lin. The students were accepted on the basis of their high school diploma grades in mathematics and physics.

The first eight-month-long semester will also include intensive study of Hebrew and English; the second semester will be held in the summer vacation. In their second year, the students will join the regular courses in the department of mathematics and computer sciences, or the department of physics, and will study in Hebrew.

Lin explains that this program takes advantage of the fact that over the years, Ben-Gurion University has absorbed a number of distinguished mathematicians from the Soviet Union.

Among those teaching the young newcomers are Prof. Michael Lomonosov, former Refusenik, a relative "veteran" at Ben-Gurion University, who came to Beersheba three years ago, and Prof. Alexander Marcus, a mathematician of worldwide reputation who arrived from Kishinev in January 1990.

Lin says he is excited at the intellectual potential represented by the new students and staff members. Some of the advanced courses for doctoral and graduate students are now almost exclusively populated by recent Russian immigrants, he said.

"If it were not for budgetary constraints, we could absorb enough distinguished mathematicians from the Soviet Union to double the department's teaching staff."

Other new immigrant students have registered in various undergraduate programs, as well as nursing and physicians' retraining programs.

Recently the Israeli Minister of Finance Yitzhak Moda'i visited BGU. He came by invitation of president Avisay Braverman, to meet new immigrant students from Russia and to hear about plans for their future absorption. He showed special interest and satisfaction in the class at the department of mathematics and computer sciences.

Braverman proposed to Moda'i that there be established, in and around Beersheba, two national programs which will be built around the expertise of the Russian immigrant scientists: a "city" for a software industry, and a national institute for applied mathematics.

Watching a class of Russian immigrants are Prof Michael Lin, Finance Minsiter Yitzhak Moda'i, Pres. Avisay Braverman and Mayor Yitzhak Rager.

USDS marks 30th anniversary

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

This is a year of celebration for United Synagogue Day School as the largest Conservative day school in North America is observing its 30th anniversary.

It started in 1961 with 66 students and five teachers and today it has 1,200 students and 140 staff members. And the man who was principal then, Dr. Aaron Nussbaum, is still at the helm today as its director. He is being honored Mar. 4 by the Jewish Educators Assembly at its convention in Stamford, Conn., with the Exemplar Educator Award.

Celebrations will be held during February at the Bathurst St. campus at Beth Tzedec, at the Bayview campus at Beth Tikvah and at the Richmond Hill campus at Shaarei Haim, the newest branch. Pupils, parents, grandparents, teachers and board members will all be involved in the 30th anniversary parties

A gala with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra at Roy Thomson Hall Mar. 23, sponsored by USDS, is part of the clebration. The demand for the kind of education USDS offers has resulted in a 50 per cent increase in enrolment in the past five years, from 800 to 1,200.

Far from resting on its laurels, the school is building new playgrounds and upgrading its library resources at all three campuses.

The extensive library program involves integrating the library resources with all grades in the general and Hebrew studies so that in each subject the students will have the benefit of the expanded facilities.

Under the same philosophy, computers in all grades will be integrated with class work.

An important development in the past year, and one which Nussbaum believes is highly significant is the adoption of a code of behavior for the school. It follows a year of study of the subject by a committee of students, teachers, parents and board members.

The students have enthusiastically pitched in their efforts in the recycling program, Nussbaum said, and there are two bins for the purpose in each classroom.

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Susan Kahn, (left) vice-president of the Toronto Council of Emunah Women of Canada, and Baila Aspler, president of Emunah Women of Canada, in Jerusalem at the conclusion of a mission to Israel by 140 members of Emunah and Mizrachi, the women's and men's religious Zionist organizations.

Aspler leads solidarity mission

Emunah, Mizrachi visit Israel

JERUSALEM —

Baila Aspler of Montreal, president of Emunah Women of Canada, led a joint solidarity mission of the Emunah and Mizrachi organizations to Israel this month.

The visit of 140 Canadians, representing the women's and men's religious Zionist movements, said Aspler, was a "highly successful, in-depth visit to a country which members of the group know very well. Many even have children studying at religious institutions and universities in Israel."

The trip was especially memorable, Aspler noted, because the Canadian tourists had the opportunity to meet some recently arrived Soviet immigrants, at the airport and at their absorption centres. They also greeted a large group of immigrants from Ethiopia.

Aspler made it clear that the Canadian group felt very relaxed in Israel, with no feeling of tension, wherever they travelled.

Canadians meet Soviet immigrants

Hadassah-WIZO gets sweet over Chocolate Sunday

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

A chocolate sculpture contest will be one of the highlights of Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO's second annual Chocolate Sunday on Feb. 10, noon to 5 p.m., at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

First held in Ottawa several years ago, the fundraising event has proved so successful that "it's been picked up right across the country," says Hamilton Council president Lorraine Cohen. "Every community where it's been tried, they've had to make it bigger."

Hamilton is no exception. Last year's first Chocolate Sunday at the Royal Connaught Hotel drew close to 3,000 people, with visitors having to line up for over an hour to get in, says vice-president Sheila Levitt, who is co-chairing the event with her mother, Rae Cohen.

The move to the Convention Centre ballroom has meant that many more exhibitors and sponsors have signed up, among them the well-known Allan Candy Company, Fry's Cocoa, Andres Wines, the Ontario Milk Marketing Board and various local independent stores and franchises.

The event is being co-sponsored by radio station K103 FM, which will be broadcasting live from the Convention Centre.

Besides chocolate and sweets, there will also be coffee, juices, cakes, cookies and even Miss Vicky's potato chips. And since the whole idea of Chocolate Sunday is to tempt the Valentine's Day shopper, there will also be cards and flowers to go with, or instead of, the traditional box of candy.

The sculpture contest is open to anyone who likes to dabble in chocolate creations and to find industry professionals, who form a separate category. Prizes will be awarded.

Ethnic groups taking part

The door prize is a one-week trip for two to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, including air fare and accmmodation at the Mallards Beach Hotel, courtesy of Air Canada and Sunquest Vacations.

Sweets From Around The World is the theme for food demonstrations taking place throughout the afternoon.

With so many different ethnic groups living side by side in Hamilton, comments Levitt, this seems an especially appropriate idea.

Among those taking part in the demonstrations will be Daphna Rabinovitch, Canadian Living magazine's test kitchen manager, with an Italian chocolate pear tart; Hamilton Sheraton pastry chef Adolph Boudry, with a French dessert; the Royal Connaught Hotel's executive chef, Theo Teveer, with a white and dark chocolate dream crepe; and owners and chefs of various local Chinese, Greek and other restaurants.

For the children, there'll be chocolate chip cookies to decorate and take home free, and a "sweetest parent" drawing contest.

Besides Levitt and her mother, others involved in planning the event include Linda Waxman, Christine Smurlick, Shelley Greenspoon and Nancy Greenspoon.

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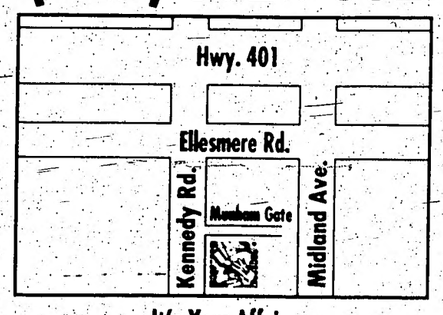

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Organizations and People

Religious leaders praise Edith Land for promoting interfaith relations

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Toronto's Jewish community has lost one of its most visible and effective workers for improved Christian-Jewish relations.

Edith Land, executive-secretary of The Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto for the past eight years, has stepped down from the post for personal reasons.

Her departure was marked by a farewell dinner and reception the same night Tel Aviv was hit with the first barrage of Iraqi missiles, a harrowing night for the entire Jewish world.

But for the 100 or so who gathered for the party at Adath Israel Congregation, it was Land who was centre-stage.

Words of praise for her came from Rabbi Erwin Schild, Rabbi Philip Scheim, Robert Engel, chairman of Toronto Jewish Congress's Holocaust Remembrance Committee, League For Human Rights director Karen Mock, Bishop Arthur Brown of Toronto's Anglican Diocese, St. Michael's College principal Prof. William Dunphy and CJD chairman Canon Peter Gratton.

The master of ceremonies was Rev. Gordon Nodwell of Deer Park United Church.

Land received an illuminated citation from Rabbi Schild and Canon Gratton for her "lasting contribution to Christian-Jewish relations and to the welfare of Canadian society."

"The coincidence of the (Iraqi) attack on Israel cast a shadow on the evening, but it brought us very close together as Christians and Jews," Canon Gratton told The CJN.

Land was hailed as a bridge-builder and catalyst for dialogue between Jews and Christians in Toronto.

Edith Land

The CJD of Toronto was set up in the early 1970s as a way of promoting interfaith relations and understanding between the two religions. It is funded by the Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Anglican and United churches, as well as by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion and Canadian Jewish Congress.

Land came aboard in May, 1982, and she leaves her "labor of love" with some regret.

"It's not often an avocation becomes your vocation," she told The CJN. "I'll miss it."

While growing up an Anglican, Land recalls attending services on Good Fridays "to pray for the perfidious Jews, and to pray for their conversion. The collections that day were earmarked for converting the Jews."

She also remembers the Nathaniel Institute, set up by the Anglican diocese for the sole purpose of converting Jews. The institute fizzled out in the early 1940s.

She became interested in interfaith dialogue in the early 1960s, after her children began attending the nursery at Temple Sinai.

In addition to her demanding CJD post, Land has been one of two Canadians serving on the World Council of Churches' Consultation on the Church and the Jewish People.

She attended both trials of Holocaust falsifier Ernst Zundel and helped plan the annual Christian Service in Memory of the Holocaust, as well as programs within Holocaust Education Week.

Land also trailblazed the annual meetings between Toronto rabbis and students at the Toronto School of Theology.

But there is much work yet to do, she cautions.

"Dialogue requires a lot more persistence today. We're into a slogging stage. Until Christianity gets over its anti-Semitism, it will always have a hard time relating to other groups."

Nita Goldband's trial adjourned to April 22

TORONTO —
The trial of former National Council of Jewish Women (Toronto section) executive Nita Goldband has been adjourned to April 22.

Goldband appeared in court last week to face one charge under the Election Finances Act of abetting an improper campaign contribution to former Liberal MPP Brad Nixon.

Goldband is charged in connection with the Queen's Park fund-raising scandal surrounding Patti Starr, the one-time head of a charitable foundation associated with the NCJW Toronto section.

Starr and Goldband, together with former NCJW member Lesley Miller, were the only members of the foundation.

Foundation member with Starr, Miller

Starr, who had sole signing authority over the foundation's affairs, is alleged to have improperly channelled over $90,000 of the charity's funds to politicians, mainly provincial Liberals.

Her trial on 33 counts of violating the EFA begins in March, while a preliminary hearing into 11 criminal charges against her begins in April.

In November, 1989, Starr, Goldband and Miller were expelled for life from the NCJW.

So far, five other charges of violating the EFA, laid against former campaign workers and the Ontario Liberal party, have been dismissed.

Also last week, an election expense charge against Budget Rent-A-Car was withdrawn.

The agency was charged in 1987 with improperly donating the use of a car to former Liberal cabinet minister Monte Kwinter, now the MPP for Wilson Heights, during the provincial election that year.

The charge was withdrawn when prosecutors said they didn't have enough evidence to proceed. — R.C.

Israel has the capacity to defeat enemy: Ronen

[Cont'd. from page 2]

"I'd rather see Israel unpopular and secure," said Ronen. He maintained, however, that Israel is "one of the most secure places in the world" and said he "wouldn't hesitate to go there now.

"Israel has the capacity to defeat this enemy," said Ronen. "I believe that Israel will respond shortly (to Saddam Hussein's missile attacks.)"

Several group members expressed concern about misinformation and propaganda that they have heard and read in the media, particularly on phone-in talk shows. "When you see something on the news that bothers you," said Ronen, "you have to call in."

Letter-writing to members of parliament was also encouraged. "What's one letter? What's one phone call?" asked David Rotenberg rhetorically. "One letter by (each of) 100,000 Jews in Toronto is going to make a lot of difference. We all have to do it — for our own sake, for Israel's sake, and for our children's sake."

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CJC still waiting for guidelines on teaching Merchant of Venice

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

It's an anniversary, of sorts.

It was five years ago, toward the end of January, 1986, that Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, asked the Ministry of Education to develop guidelines for the teaching of controversial literature — works involving racial stereotypes, like Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*.

CJC is still waiting.

"We've called them faithfully once every few months," Bernie Farber of the region's community relations committee, told The CJN last week. "There's clearly been an avoidance in dealing with the issue.

"I'm sort of getting used to the stalling tactics. Look, it's been five years."

Congress's involvement in the controversial literature dossier goes back many years. It has fielded countless complaints from parents concerning the teaching of books with unsympathetic Jews as central characters — works like *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz, Oliver Twist* and *The Merchant of Venice*.

Congress has also worked with black leaders on the teaching of books like *Uncle Tom's Cabin, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and *Little Black Sambo*. In some Toronto high schools, those books have been removed from curricula because of their sensitive racial content, while *The Merchant of Venice* has been pushed up to senior grades.

But the issue exploded in the mid-80's with reports of Jewish students in the Waterloo County Board of Education being the target of anti-Semitic slurs and taunts following the teaching of *The Merchant of Venice*.

After much lobbying by parents to move the play's teaching from junior to senior grades, where students would presumably be better equipped to understand the work's racial element, the board instead suspended its teaching altogether, pending government guidelines.

That's when Congress joined in asking the Ontario Human Rights Commission and the Ministry of Education to come up with a policy on the teaching of controversial literature in schools.

The human rights commission passed the file to what became the Ontario Race Relations Directorate, and the whole issue ended up at the education ministry.

As of last week, a draft guideline on the issue was ready and being examined by officials, Bruce Drewett of the ministry's curriculum policy development branch, told The CJN.

"We should hear something in the near future," he said.

But Drewett stressed that the final document will not be a policy paper obliging school boards to adopt a certain stance, but rather a resource guide listing suggestions and recommendations on how to teach controversial literature.

On hearing that, Monna Zentner, a Kitchener parent who led the drive against the teaching of *The Merchant of Venice* to lower grades, told The CJN: "Those cowards! They're absolute cowards.

"I would think an NDP government would want to make a statement on a moral issue. This is meaningless," said Zentner, whose lobby group became the Citizens Against Bigotry.

"I would like to see a sensible document, where schools and school boards are not inadvertently giving kids permission to act indiscriminately, and where teachers are given a hand."

Sue Alderson, a former ministry official who received the file in 1987, told The CJN the whole affair was viewed as "a very sensitive issue" at the ministry.

But, she added, it was also considered "a really very small project."

Alderson, now an official at the Peterborough Board of Education, said the document began as a policy paper. "We took the position that there should be guidelines on the teaching of literature containing racism, sexual language and violence."

The original paper contained proposals on age-appropriateness, how teachers should raise sensitive themes contained in books, and why students should never be forced to read certain material, she explained.

It went through several revisions and was supposed to go to higher-ups, but didn't because of three changes in education ministers, Alderson said.

By the time she left the ministry last August, the document had become a resource guide, "and that effectively took the teeth out of it.

"It will be a framework of considerations for boards to develop their own policy," Alderson said. "I don't think this will do what groups hope it will do.

"It will not force boards to address the issue."

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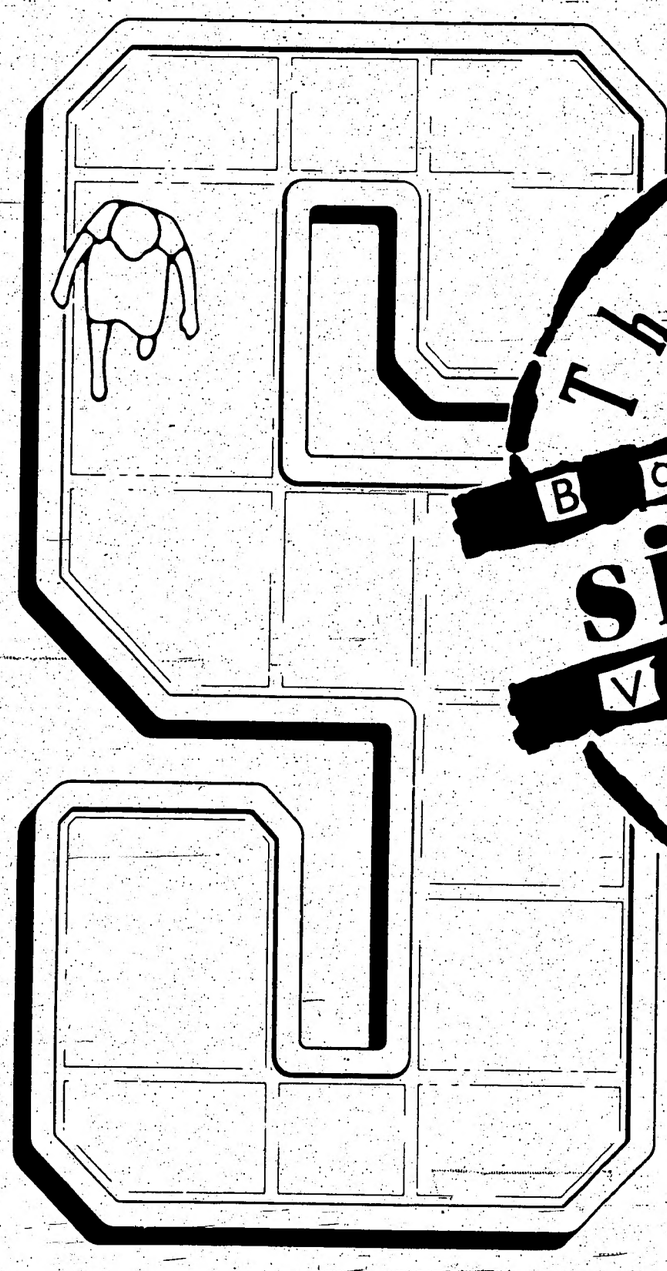

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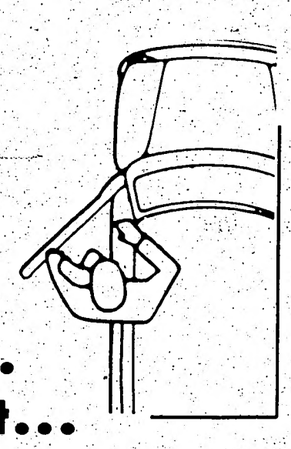

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Students defy bomb threats; show their solidarity with Israel

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

Despite bomb threats at the Sidney Smith building intended to disrupt last Tuesday's Israel Day (story p.2), the only explosion that rocked the University of Toronto arts and science centre was the raucous music of the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band at a lunch-hour concert.

Jewish Student Union organizers, who beefed up security rather than cancel the annual celebration of Israeli culture, called the fair the most successful since it was instituted in 1983.

Perhaps in reaction to the bomb threat, reported on page one of the U of T student newspaper The Varsity, or perhaps in response to the Iraqi SCUD missile attacks on Tel Aviv, an unexpectedly large crowd of some 600 students showed up.

They packed the Sidney Smith lobby, dancing, munching felafel, schmoozing and inspecting the 11 displays about Israeli universities, tourism, kibbutz and volunteer opportunities, Judaism and Jewish culture. Thousands more passed through the campus crossroads.

Co-chairman Zack Fuerstenberg, a third-year civil engineering student, called the huge turnout an "unbelievable demonstration of solidarity."

The 50 T-shirts printed for volunteers were snapped up in minutes, he reported.

The volunteers, he emphasized, came from the spectrum of the Jewish student population, including the Orthodox, non-observant and Israelis. About 4,000 Jews are enrolled at the U of T, of whom 1,000 are JSU members.

Fuerstenberg's co-chairman, Marvin Esser, also a third-year civil engineering student, added there had been a lot of anxiety about the carnival.

"This proves to them (Jewish students) they don't have to be scared. It's like confronting the fear of being Jewish on campus."

Israel Day was repeated on a smaller scale Wednesday at Scarborough College and passed without incident. Related activities all last week included film screenings and lectures at the U of T's main campus.

Israel Day at the U of T turned into a huge demonstration of solidarity.

Concert to assist Israel

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A concert of Israeli music to raise funds for Israel in the current emergency will be held at the Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave.W., at Bathurst Street, at 7.30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 31.

A total of 11 singers and musicians will take part: Shlomo Aviv, Rachel Costriano, Fern Dworkin, Alex Goldinov, Lillian Keits, Michael Khinkis, Fay Kellerstein, Lenka Lichtenberg, Albert Oliviera, Lorezo Popesko and Sandor Yaruka. All the performers are donating their services.

One of the performers, Michael Khinkis, is helping to organize the program.

The admission charge is $3 for members and $5 for non-members.

Further information is available from Irina Shulgin, or Helen Issenberg, 225-2112.

Police make arrest near U.S. Consulate

TORONTO —

Following a joint forces investigation by the Metro Police intelligence squad, OPP, RCMP and Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS), terrorist suspect Haruki Ahmura was arrested last Wednesday near the American Consulate here.

Two other Toronto men have been arrested on charges related to making bomb threats since the Persian Gulf War erupted Jan. 16. (Story p.2)

Ahmura, an 18-year-old part-time high school student, had three live hand grenades in his possession. Four more were discovered during a search of his Main Street house.

At the time of his arrest, he was wearing a Palestinian flag. An Iraqi banner was found at his home.

Court order

A court order issued last October prohibited Ahmura from possessing firearms, explosives, ammunition or offensive weapons for a period of five years.

Charged with seven offences including possession of explosives and ammunition while prohibited and threatening to destroy property, he was remanded in custody Thursday.

A Metro police press release emphasized at no time during the arrest were members of the public endangered.

Sgt. Pierre Belanger, spokesman for the RCMP in Ottawa, said: "Any information that is brought to the attention of the RCMP with regards to threats or any allegations of possible terrorist attack is being looked at and treated seriously."

— G.K.

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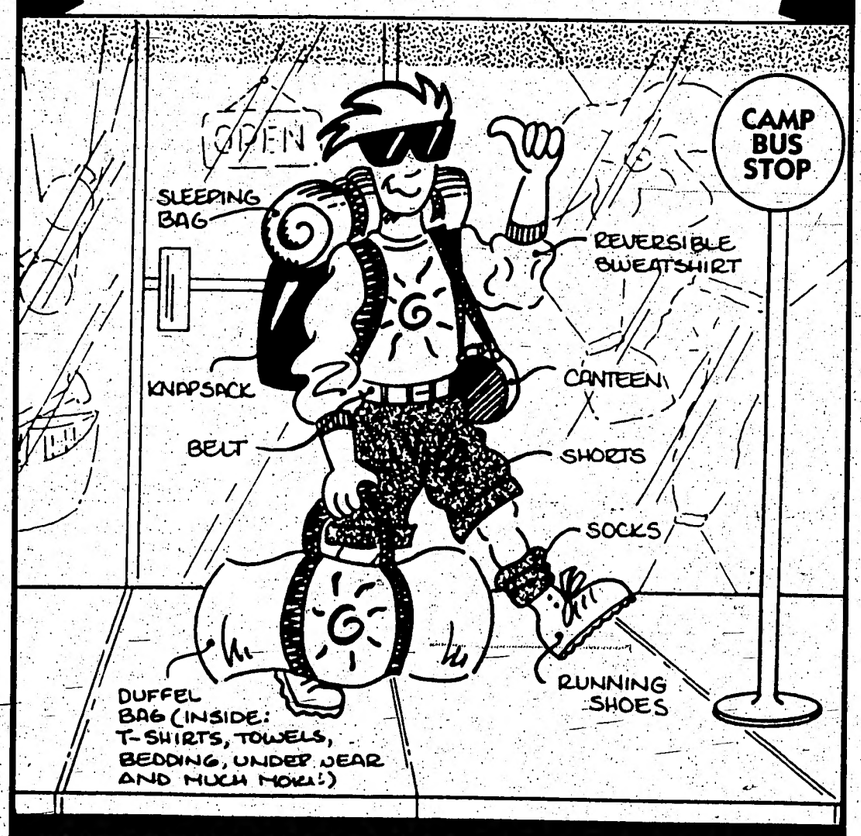

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No middle ground for Saddam: Manilla

Compromise with Iraq must be rejected

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —

Saddam Hussein "will go down in his bunker like Hitler did — he's not going to negotiate any settlement," according to a Toronto writer and lecturer.

"There's no middle ground, there's no compromise, there's no in between," Dr. Morton Manilla told members of Congregation Habonim of Toronto recently. "Either Saddam Hussein becomes master of the Arab world as he set out to be, or he's dead. It's one or the other. That's his goal."

It was not just oil or bounty or the thrill of adding a 19th province to his totalitarian regime that prompted Saddam to invade Kuwait, Manilla said. Rather, the "Fuhrer of the Arab world" was attacking the system of government of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and other Arab lands that permits an alliance with the United States.

"From his point of view, it is shameful that those that have the greatest authority in the Arab world should have this kind of relationship with the Americans, with the imperialist, with the infidel," said Manilla.

He expressed certainty that if the United Nations hadn't intervened, Saddam would have invaded Saudi Arabia to become "the custodian of the holy places of Islam.

"He is aiming to totally restructure the Arab world by certain strategic blows, not just one corner of it, Kuwait, but the whole Arab world. And as its master, he hopes to make the Arabs a superpower that will challenge the world, take the place of the other superpowers, and restore the lost glory of the Arabs as it was when Mohammed came out of the Arabian peninsula.

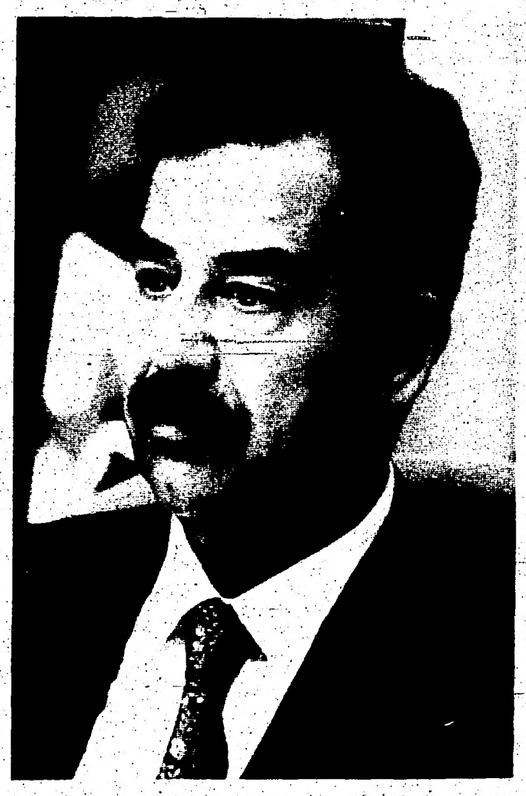
"In other words, there's this mythology involved. Saddam believes that he has been appointed by destiny to restore the lost greatness and dominance of the Arabs. That's his thinking."

Manilla noted that the Bush-Baker administration had been finding increasing favor with Saudi Arabia and increasing disfavor with Israel long before the Gulf crisis began last August, and that the Saudis, who support the PLO, had induced the Americans to pressure Israel to give up the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem for a Palestinian state.

"That was working very well, so why did Saddam Hussein throw a monkey wrench into that process?" Manilla asked. "He did it because if anybody is going to determine Arab destiny and a future Palestinian state, it's going to be Saddam Hussein, not the House of Saud."

The American-Saudi alliance is fundamentally a shaky one, Manilla said, making reference to the so-called Hawali tapes presently circulating among the populace in Saudi Arabia. These tapes contain an exhortation against the partnership with the United States by Dr. Hawali, the leader of the Wahabis sect, the supreme Islamic sect in the country.

"The tapes say that Saudi Arabia is violating the sacred principles of Islam by allowing the infidel into the Holy Land," said Manilla. "Under Islamic law, the House of Saud is not allowed to defend itself with the infidel. It is contrary to Islamic law for any Moslem to join in a battle with non-Moslems against Moslems."



Saddam Hussein

The arrival to Israel of Patriot missiles and American crews to operate them has created an astonishing precedent, Manilla said. "It's the first time that another army, not the IDF, is looking after part of Israel's defence." This opens the door to a potentially dangerous situation, he suggested.

"There are those Jews in North America and even in Israel who might say that we don't have to worry about the Arabs or the creation of a Palestinian state now because the United States will protect us," he said. "Can't you just see such a scenario in the future? Those who advocate a Palestinian state will say, 'We don't have to worry about Arafat getting missiles because the United States will protect us.'

"This runs counter to the most fundamental lesson in Jewish history — that the Jewish people cannot depend on anyone else to protect them," he said.

Israel must eventually punish Iraq for its SCUD missile attacks, Manilla said. "Israel has good reasons to stay out of the war, but there are grave dangers for Israel in not retaliating. You have to keep in mind how this will be perceived in the Arab world. If Saddam Hussein gets away with hitting Israel with missiles, this lesson is not lost in Damascus or Tripoli or anywhere in the Arab world. It would represent a fundamental change of perception as far as Israel's adversaries are concerned, and it cannot stand."

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Organizations and People

Tamar Barr (centre) with sisters Merav (left) and Naama.

Winnipeg sisters got the beat

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Israeli dancing has become a family tradition for Winnipeg's Barr sisters.

Tamar, at 25 the oldest of the three, is dance director and choreographer for the community's national known Chai Folk Ensemble. She began dancing with the Chai troupe in 1980. Sisters Naama, 23, and Merav, 20, followed her first through the Ruach Dancers, Chai's junior group, and later into Chai in 1984 and 1985 respectively. Merav is now director of the Ruach School of Dance for nine-13-year-olds dance group, a position Tamar held from 1985-89.

"Belonging to Chai is fun but it's more than that," said Naama, a Grade 1 teacher at Ramah School. "It's a commitment which connects us to our Israeli culture and music. I don't do jazz dancing anymore but I still do Israeli dancing."

Israeli born, the Barr sisters came to Winnipeg with their parents in 1972 (their mother, Sarah, is a Winnipegger). They went to dance classes — ballet and jazz — for years before joining the Ruach troupe. Naama also did gymnastics.

"Ruach gives 12-15 performances a year," said Merav, a third-year university student. "We do concerts at nursing homes, for example, and multicultural events with other young groups. We recently gave a performance at the Manitoba School for the Deaf."

The senior Chai group consists of 22 dancers, four singers and an eight to 10-person orchestra. As choreographer, Tamar, a social worker with the Jewish Child and Family Service, decides on themes for performances, whether Yemenite or Middle Eastern or grassroots, and puts together the music and dance steps.

She said Chai performed seven times last year including its annual January concert, Folklorama in August and stops in Estevan, Saskatchewan, and London, Ont.

"It may not seem like a lot," she said, "but there is always something on, whether it is rehearsals (twice a week at the old Peretz School Building), performances, or guest choreographers."

Although the Barr sisters are not planning full time dancing careers, they are always looking for opportunities to improve their skills and knowledge. Naama was at the Karmiel Dance Festival in Israel in 1988 checking out the performances and workshops. All three attend workshops and classes when they can to meet with other dancers.

Chai and dancing have not only given the Barr Sisters strong bonds though. Last spring, Naama married Marshall Miller, a veteran of the orchestra and presently Chai's co-artistic director. "It is one of several marriages formed with Chai," said Tamar.

Groups pool resources to show solidarity following attacks

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO — If there is a silver lining in the clouds from which Iraq's SCUD missiles have been raining down on Israel, it is the tremendous outpouring of support and solidarity which Jews and many non-Jews have showered on the beleaguered country since the Persian Gulf War erupted Jan. 16.

In Toronto, B'nai Brith and Canadian Jewish Congress/Toronto Jewish Congress/United Jewish Appeal — erstwhile competitors for hegemony of the country's Jewish communal leadership — have banded together in an unprecedented way to pool their resources and avoid duplicating efforts.

Jack Ajzenberg, director of operations for Toronto Jewish Congress, is especially pleased to see this new approach putting aside former rivalries.

The groups, he said, are "collaborating to an extent I've never seen before" in co-ordinating rallies, lobbying efforts, letter writing and media watches — and volunteer recruitment which makes it all possible.

An "astronomical" number of volunteers came forward at last Sunday's rally at Beth Tzedec, which was attended by 5,000 people, or have called the Lipa Green Building to offer their services, he reported.

Emphasizing the novelty of the situation, he added the groups are sharing staff.

Efforts to date include:

- The Jewish Student Federation held a demonstration at York University's Central Square Monday.
- NAHON is organizing a high school students' candlelight march from Earl Bales Park (main entrance) to the Lipa Green Building, Thursday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m.
- Volunteers for Israel is organizing a subsidized flight for those able to assist either in hospitals or on kibbutzim bringing in the winter crops. The Feb. 18 flight costs $1,055 inclusive. For details call (416) 781-6089.

To help offset the direct costs of the war and indirect costs in lost productivity, and continued efforts to absorb Soviet immigrants, the UJA is holding an emergency cash drive to collect unpaid pledges and bring in new gifts.

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Organizations and People

Will affect pre-schoolers

Associated to alter program

By
RON CSILLAG

By next September, Associated Hebrew Schools expects to implement wide-ranging recommendations contained in a report designed to shore up the Bet Hayeled for 3- and 4-year-olds.

The so-called Shainhouse Committee, set up in 1989 to review suggestions from a group of educators who studied Associated's pre-school program, is recommending much the same things as did a similar report seven years ago on the elementary grades: that outside consultants aid teachers and supervisors both in and out of the classroom.

In 1989, Associated's educational director, Rabbi Abraham Soffer, invited three consultants to examine the Bet Hayeled, with its roughly 500 pupils. Helen Gaston of the Etobicoke Board of Education, Dr. Michael Luther of York University's education faculty and Esther Lopata, an early childhood expert, studied the program and recommended certain changes.

Overall, the evaluators found the pre-school a good model but suggested a move toward a more modern, child-oriented approach.

Changes to the curriculum, resources, materials and other areas were also recommended.

Associated's vaad ha'chinuch (education committee) struck a sub-committee under Susan Shainhouse to review the recommendations.

Late last year, the committee brought down its report, and it is similar to the 1984 Efrat Report, which suggested the use of "convenors" to help teachers in elementary grades.

The convenors, who could be right in the classrooms with teachers at all four branches of the Bet Hayeled, will help develop curricula, organize resources and materials, convene meetings with parents and assist instructors in implementing any changes. In general, they will act as resource people.

The convenors' work will be coordinated by the three outside consultants.

It's a method that has proven successful in Associated's elementary grades. According to the Efrat Report, the outside consultants play a vital role in teachers' professional development and remove burdens from supervisors occupied with administrative duties.

The Shainhouse Committee's other recommendations are based on children's individual needs. In informal but structured settings, children would work at their own levels and be challenged and motivated by their successes, the report says.

Also by next September, Associated expects to hire convenors for each branch to help pre-school teachers deal specifically with Hebrew, as well as one music teacher to teach Hebrew songs and help instructors prepare musically for Jewish holidays and festivals.

The Shainhouse report also suggests the hiring of a fulltime person to help identify pre-schoolers with learning problems.

GIRL IN A BUBBLE

A girl is enclosed in a soap bubble in a demonstration of water surface tension at the Open Eye Jerusalem Science Centre on the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Givat Ram campus. The Open Eye centre, supported by the Lady Davis Foundation of Montreal, features several hands-on exhibits to attract the interest of Israeli children.

Weizmann aids mathematicians

REHOVOT —

Twenty recently-arrived Soviet mathematicians are now equipped with the specialized vocabulary required to teach their subject in Israel, thanks to a course given by the Weizmann Institute's Youth Activities Section.

The 20 are the first graduates of what promises to be a regular four-month program designed to introduce them to Hebrew mathematics terminology and, at the same time, utilize their specialized knowledge to develop new teaching material for after-school mathematics clubs in Israel.

While not all the participants have teaching degrees, every one has experience in teaching mathematics in an extraordinary framework.

"The immigrants — half of whom have already found work at local schools — are expected to help alleviate the acute shortage of qualified mathematics teachers in Israel," said Dr. Netta Maoz of the Youth Activities Section.

"I believe that they will also help to raise the standard of mathematics in Israel," says course coordinator Dr. Marita Rozenson, a mathematician who immigrated from the Soviet Union in 1975.

She notes that each participant is already making an educational contribution by preparing a mathematics lesson in an area in which he or she specializes. These units will be compiled and published by the Institute's Youth Activities Section for use in its after-school science and mathematics clubs.

For the Soviet teachers, the course offered a chance to learn the Hebrew equivalents of fractional and formulas, as well as some of the more down-to-earth expressions they're likely to encounter in an Israeli classroom. During one lesson, for instance, they learned a common curse that the student may resort to in the heat of an argument.

The most recent course, which is already full, began in January. Stipends to cover the participants' travelling expenses are being provided by the Raschi Foundation.

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Treats deadly form of cancer

BGU centre makes great strides

TORONTO —

The Centre for Orthopaedic Oncology at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, the only one of its kind in Israel, handles cases that were once sent abroad for surgery.

The centre is headed by Dr. Yitzhak Meller, head of the orthopaedic department at the Soroka Medical Centre and lecturer in the BGU Faculty of Health Sciences.

Cancer of the skeleton and bones (sarcome), one of the deadlier forms of the disease, is also one of the rarest, accounting for only one per cent of cases in the general population. However, it accounts for seven-10 per cent of the cases in children and young people between 20-40.

During the last 20 years, says Meller, great strides have been made in treatment of the desease. These are due to improvements in radiotherapy and chemotherapy techniques and vast advancements in surgical procedures, including microvascular surgery, artificial joint replacement, and bone implantations. Worldwide collaboration among bone-banks has also made the surgeon's task easier.

One of the main aims of orthopaedic oncology today is to save limbs (i.e. to remove the cancerous growth with as little damage to the limb as possible, and to achieve maximal reconstruction). This is a complicated and costly procedure, requiring cooperation of experts in several fields of medicine, and the use of sophisticated equipment.

An artificial implant of kneejoint plus half a femur, for example, constructed from metal alloys, mostly titanium, and plastic polymers can cost up to $20,000.

The centre's activities are funded by Kupat Holim, and the Israeli Society for Cancer Prevention.

Patients at the centre are treated by a multidisciplinary team, which includes oncologists, plastic surgeons, microvascular surgeons and pathologists. Special focus is placed on psychological support, particularly since a large percentage of patients are very young.

Soroka Medical Centre is affiliated with BGU's faculty of health sciences. The hospital is the teaching facility utilized by its School of Medicine.

Dr. Meller checks an artificial implant at the centre for Orthopaedic Oncology at Ben-Gurion University.

Israel's restraint in war gets praise

By
RANDY FISHER—

OTTAWA—

Israel's reputation for credible deterrence remains intact, despite its not having retaliated for initial Iraqi missile attacks, says a Middle East analyst from the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University.

Furthermore, says Mark Heller, who is on leave to the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security in Ottawa, Israel's restraint shows that "there are responsible people in charge who don't go around half-cocked.

"No one doubts or should doubt Israel's capacity to strike back, or its determination."

Overall, Heller said he is impressed with the operation so far. "There has been a high degree of (allied) competence and professionalism.

"So far, the plan (Operation Desert Storm) has worked and been executed as expected," he said. Still, a ground war will not be as predictable. "If we get into ground action, I doubt it will be as neat or as clean. It is possible that the war can be finished by air powere (alone)," he said.

Heller doesn't think combat will last for months. He gives a ballpark figure of "days or at most weeks."

"It's too bad it had to be done this way," said Heller. The export policies of many countries, including West Germany, brought us here, he believes.

"After having gone through this (the war), maybe they won't make the same mistake again."

After the conflict ends, analysts believe there will be renewed pressure to deal with the Palestinian issue, although some suggest that the Palestinians may have lost a lot of goodwill by siding with Saddam.

"I believe that Palestinian support for [Saddam] Hussein was largely an emotional national reaction," John Brewin, the federal NDP defence critic, said in an interview. "The enemy of my enemy is my friend.

"I believe that Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait is a major setback (for peace in the region). The Palestinians don't seem to agree."

"It is not Israel who should be pressured," says Simon Kahn, the director of public affairs for the Canada-Israel Committee. "The moves have to come from the Arab states."

Taking into consideration the newly-built alliances of the U.S.-led coalition and Israel's great restraint, "it will be incumbent on those states to genuinely begin negotiating peace."

Heller sees the world as being more secure today than it was yesterday.

"The principle that unprovoked and unequivocal aggression will not stand has been strengthened, and the present and developing capabilities of Iraq for weapons of mass destruction have also been eliminated."

Simon Kahn certainly hopes so. "It would be incredibly meaningless and tragic to go into this conflict if Saddam Hussein is capable of turning around and doing this again. If this happens we'll have to ask what was the point in the first place."

Terrorism remains a concern. "On balance, there has been a slightly increased threat," said Heller.

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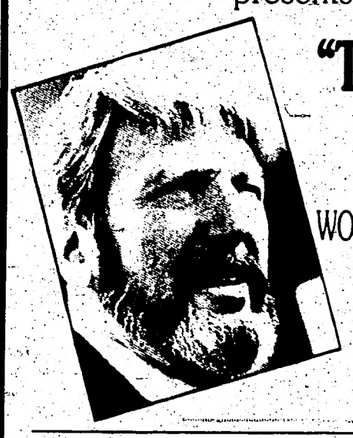

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Organizations and People

Sellers may mislead purchasers

Ministry urges caution when buying cars privately

TORONTO — Buying a used car privately is one of the riskiest ventures a consumer can tackle, says a spokesman for the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations (MCCR).

Steve Moody, registrar of Motor Vehicle Dealers, said misrepresentation, exaggerated claims and outright fraud are common occurences in that marketplace. Sellers may lie about everything from total mileage and accident history to engine size and maintenance records.

"And you're out there in a mechanical wilderness almost entirely on your own.

"The ministry can't get involved in private, consumer-to-consumer transactions. So, the courts are your only recourse, unless theft or fraud is suspected in which case the police may be able to help."

Moody pointed out that customers of registered car dealers are less susceptible as they are covered by consumer protection legislation. In addition, dealers could be fined and lose their licences for treating buyers unfairly.

He said the number of used cars sold privately is almost triple that by registered dealers.

Moody added that industry groups estimate that one out of four private sales involves an unregistered dealer operating illegally. Called curbsiders because they usually sell the cars on the streets in front of their homes, these people often use unethical, unfair and devious methods.

"They lie from the start by not revealing they sell cars for a living. How can you trust anything they say? Most people shop privately to cut out the middle man and buy from someone who knows the car's history."

Moody said these people are hard to spot without a vehicle-ownership search. Given the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and $5, the Ministry of Transportation can provide a list of owners.

"A seller may claim to have owned the car for years and spin a story about tender-loving care and low mileage, but if the VIN search shows the guy bought the car last week, you're probably dealing with a curbsider."

Record the VIN directly off the driver's side of the dashboard. Searches are done at 1201 Wilson Ave. and at many driver examination centres.

"But avoiding curbsiders isn't enough since anyone could take you for a ride," Moody said, offering the following tips.

- Read the MCCR's guide on buying used cars, which covers the basics. As well, many books and articles are available at public libraries.
- Inspect cars on dry days. Paint and bodywork defects are hard to see if a car is wet. Cars tend to rattle less in damp weather so annoying squeaks may be masked.
- Show up unexpectedly for a test drive so you can see how well the engine starts when it's cold.
- Get a mechanic — not one recommended by the seller — to check the car. The average cost is about $50. The Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) also offers this service.
- Run a lien check on the car to ensure it has not been pledged as collateral on any outstanding loans. This service is available for $5 through MCCR's Personal Property Security Registration Branch at many land registry offices.
- Look along the surface of the car for ripples and color changes which may indicate bodywork has been done.
- Never buy a car without test driving it first. If the seller discourages you from doing so, walk away.
- Always insist on a written sales agreement. It should include the names, addresses and signatures of the buyer and seller, the price, the VIN, the odometer reading and the date. Any special agreements, claims and promises should also be added.

UCS stresses Jewishness

By FRANCES KRAFT

United Congregational Schools operates on the philosophy of "teaching the kids who they are, where they're going, and what it is to be a Jew," according to Saul Morganstein, education director of the school.

The school, which is affiliated with the Conservative movement, offers classes for kindergarten through Grade 9 in five different locations: Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation, Highland Jr. High School at Don Mills and Steeles and Westminster Public School and Bishop Scalabrini Separate School in the Bathurst-Steeles area.

Grade 7, when most students celebrate their bar or bat mitzvahs, is known as "mitzvah year" at the school. It's "a big year," said Morganstein, and the program at UCS is a unique one.

Every girl makes a challah cover in her mitzvah year, and every boy makes a tallis. This year for the first time some of the girls made tallesim also, since many Conservative congregations offer bat mitzvah girls the same opportunities as bar mitzvah boys to read from the Torah and use a tallis.

The students' parents are also involved in the mitzvah year, and participate with their children in davening, breakfast and discussions on the importance of bar/bat mitzvah.

Following bar/bat mitzvah, the school offers a high school program where the students choose four courses to study. Courses offered include History, Conservative Judaism, Hebrew, Holocaust, Mishna and Torah.

The school in its 15th year, has a total enrolment of about 675 students.

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SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

Canadian Young Judaea recently travelled to Israel on a special Hadracha seminar mission to show their support for Israel. From left are Michael Ross, Rebecca Glass, Shmuel Levkovitz, Yael Zaretsky, Jeff Dickstein, Sharon Parry, Ilana Hirt, Judith Talesnick and Annie Morais. They are standing with a young Russian child who recently arrived in Israel with her mother and young brother who are looking on.

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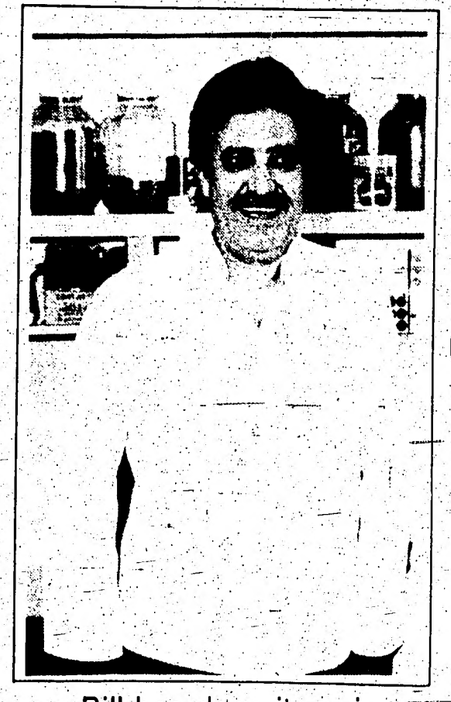

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Arts

Weiner uses music to stress Judaism

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — Cantor Chaim Weiner's career has been nothing if not varied.

Since the end of 1985 he has been chazzan of Toronto's Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

But before that, he served in the Israeli army for 15 years.

He left the army with the rank of major, and the positions of vice-chief cantor of the Israel army and manager of the offices of General Gad Navon, the army's chief rabbi.

He did much volunteer singing in hospitals, especially for soldiers and children, an activity for which he became very well known.

He still sings at Baycrest and at Greenacres Home for the Aged in Newmarket.

He emotionally recalls presiding at military funerals — "over 1,000, especially from the Yom Kippur and Lebanon wars."

Weiner has more pleasant memories of conducting seders with the chief rabbi of the army in army outposts, and of officiating at Yom Hazikaron services and at the yahrzeits of former Israel President Shazar.

Weiner studied privately with cantors Itzhak Asher, Lipa Laish and Naftali Hershtik, and voice with Mordechai Ben Shachar from the Israeli opera.

He has now put out a tape to bring his music to a wider audience, particularly in North America.

Produced by EMMS, the tape was recorded in Israel and in New York.

Most of the songs are original compositions written for the tape, and are designed, he says, to "make people aware that chazzanut is not only confined to liturgical music, but to general Hebrew popular music as well."

Weiner's goal with the tape is to "draw people closer to Judaism via the vehicle of music."

Selections on the tape, which is entitled *Ashreinu*, range from Chassidic to modern Israeli tunes.

A lilting, waltz-time *B'tzes Yisroel b'mitzraim* contrasts with a martial, percussion-punctuated *Harninou*, a prayer from the *Av Harachamim* memorial partion of the service.

Very effective is Weiner's rendition of *Pischu Li Shaarei Tzedec*, from Hallel, where the plea to "open up the gates of heaven, that I may enter and praise HaShem" becomes a self-confident request, made with pride.

This reviewer was most impressed with the passionate rendition of *Ana Avda*, a prayer recited when taking out the Torah. It dramatically showed the power and range of Weiner's talent.

Weiner and his wife Tmima have four children, Rachel, 11; Sara, 8; Miri, 7 and Naftali, 3.

Ashreinu is available at Jewish book and gift stores.

Joanne Woodward stars in Mr. and Mrs. Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman excel as middle-class Mr. & Mrs. Bridge

Film

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

When fine contemporary cinema is the topic of conversation, the duo of Ismail Merchant and James Ivory are invariably mentioned. Just think of films like *Heat and Dust*, *The Bostonians* or *A Room With A View* and their names come into full view.

Their latest picture, *Mr. and Mrs. Bridge*, burnishes their stellar reputation. Based on Evan Connell's companion novels, *Mr. and Mrs. Bridge* is a perceptive drama of manners whose universal theme transcends race and religion.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, it's an observant examination of a long-lasting, seemingly solid marriage in the upper middle-class America of the late 1930s and early 1940s. Walter and India Bridge, on the verge of settling into genteel retirement, embody the stolid bourgeois values which the sociologist Max Weber highlighted in the *Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*.

Protagonist Walter Bridge (Paul Newman), a prosperous lawyer, is a Kansas City Republican who's set in his ways. He's upright, proper, dignified and in control of his emotions, as he refuses to laugh at a smutty joke in a country club and as he wonders why a gifted black student would wish to study at Harvard rather than at a "colored" school. Bridge loves his wife, but he treats her patronizingly, almost as if she were a prized ornament.

India Bridge (Joanne Woodward, Newman's real wife) is the archetypal old-fashioned, Saturday Evening Review woman. She's dowdy, submissive, subservient and pathetically dependent on her husband. When the vulnerable India exhibits signs of rebellion, like a child suddenly growing up, Walter responds with a mixture of puzzlement, condescension and irritation.

Their three children, Ruth (Kyra Sedgwick), Carolyn (Margaret Welsh) and Douglas (Robert Sean Leonard), present different problems. Ruth, the feisty one, aspires to be an actress in New York City. Walter disapproves of Ruth's choice of career, but gets a vicarious charge out of her adventurous spirit. Carolyn, who's impetuous, announces her decision to marry a boy of little means. Walter forbids the love match, but his resistance softens after a talk with Carolyn's fiance. Douglas, alternately sensitive and brusque, wants to join the army air corps, but Walter talks him out of it, at least until the United States enters the Second World War.

Mr. and Mrs. Bridge works for a variety of reasons. Ruth Prawer Jhabvala's script rings true, never straying from its infinitely subtle path. With consummate skill, she distills their sheltered existence, the tensions of their marriage and their modulated racism and class-based snobbery.

David Gropman's sets are rich, baroque, authentic, signifying the understated wealth of a family confident in its taste and sure of its place in society.

Newman and Woodward are a wonderful screen couple, working magically yet effortlessly to convey the nuances of their gender and class. This marks the ninth time they have co-starred in a film. It's an immensely fruitful collaboration.

Delivering one of the finest performances of his career, Newman is by turns a curmudgeon and a rake, rarely smiling. Woodward is delicately self-effacing, the radiance of her beauty apparent only once, in a fleeting scene in which she watches her son shave.

Mr. and Mrs. Bridge is distinguished by a strong supporting cast — Blythe Danner as a desperately ebullient woman straining to break with the conventions of her day; Saundra McClain as Walter's love-starved secretary; Gale Garnett as the sophisticated patron of the arts. Kyra Sedgwick, Robert Sean Leonard and Margaret Welsh are also good.

Together, they ensure that *Mr. and Mrs. Bridge* is yet another feather in the cap of Ismail Merchant and James Ivory.

SNIPPETS

For the past 10 years, Francis Ford Coppola has had a run of bad luck, what with bloopers like *One From The Heart* and *Rumble Fish*. With *Godfather III*, he redeems himself in grand fashion. Now playing at Famous Players theatres, *Godfather III* unfolds on an operatic scale, as the Corleone crime family, led by the cautious Michael (Al Pacino), attempts to go straight. Pacino is magnificent, but so is Andy Garcia, who plays Vincent Mancini, his would-be successor. *Godfather III* is like an intricate tapestry: carefully conceived and artistically executed. Yet another sequel is now inevitable.

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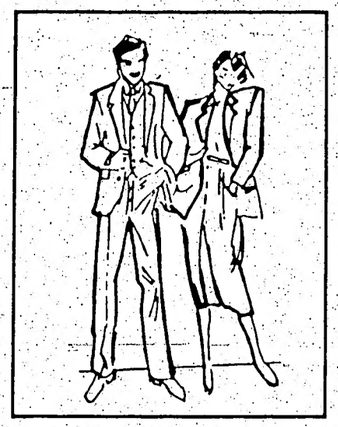

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Bitter Friends at Leah Posluns

Pollard spy drama a thriller

The Lively ARTS

By
FRANK RASKY

On the opening night of *Bitter Friends* (running until Feb. 10 at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., 630-6752), a security guard rigorously examined handbags and pockets of theatregoers for concealed weapons.

This piece of true-life drama was quite appropriate for two reasons.

Iraq's diabolical leader, Saddam Hussein, had publicly urged Muslim terrorists to destroy Jewish institutions everywhere and by every means.

Furthermore, Gordon Rayfield's explosive drama poses disturbing questions aimed at the United States and Israel and their ambiguous relationship with Arabic countries involved in the current Gulf War.

Talk about truth being stranger than fiction! Rayfield, a playwright in residence at the Jewish Repertory Theatre, holds a PhD in political science from City University of New York. He wrote his dissertation on the Arab-Israel conflict.

Though he denies it, *Bitter Friends* is a dramatized political tract. It's a polemical play dealing with issues and ideas, rather than the development of three-dimensional characters.

Despite that shortcoming and other stagecraft flaws, I found it constantly stimulating. It's as though Rayfield had the uncanny ability to predict the blood-drenched happenings in the Persian Gulf.

Though he also denies it for libel reasons, *Bitter Friends* is obviously based on the Jonathan Pollard spy case. Rayfield tells us in the program notes that he wrote the first draft of the play in 1987. That was soon after the American Pollard was sentenced to life imprisonment for stealing U.S. defence secrets and passing them on to Israel.

Those "secrets" proved to be vital information which Pollard's superiors in the U.S. Navy's Terrorist Alert Unit refused to share with their Israeli ally. Among other things, the documents revealed that chemical gases were being shipped to Iraq, Syria and Libya from West Germany; that Iraq was building nuclear facilities and long-range missiles to pulverize Israel; and that data about Israeli military positions and its defence weaknesses was being transferred to Saudi Arabia and presumably its oil-rich neighbors.

When Pollard learned about these apparent betrayals, the Jewish idealist broke the law of confidentiality and tipped off the Israelis.

But the hero of Rayfield's play is not the Pollard character, which he has renamed David Klein. Rather, it's a fictitious character named Rabbi Arthur Schaefer, the only well-rounded personality in the cast of eight Canadian actors. He's a former stand-dup comic *manque* from the Catskills Borscht Belt, who serves as a wise and witty narrator and friend of the Klein family (played with a nice sense of balance by Len Birman, the Montreal actor who starred as the strict Jewish father in Ted Allan's movie memoir, *Lies My Father Told Me*).

The rabbi begins by asking the age-old question: "Who is a Jew?" At first, he answers it in a light vein: "A Jew is somebody with a Jewish sense of humor." But his questions become increasingly more barbed as Klein's crises become increasingly more heart-wringing.

The bearded young spy, wearing blue jeans and sneakers (sketchily portrayed by Peter Spence of CBC-TV's *Street Legal* series) is presented initially as a naive but arrogant fool. He has been brainwashed by his late American father, who sacrificed his own life to defend Israel. But innocent young Klein is treated badly by both the American and Israeli governments.

The U.S. Justice Department reneges on its plea-bargain promise to lighten his sentence if Klein will co-operate; instead, he is given a life sentence, with no parole, and is placed in isolation in the maximum security penitentiary in Marion, Illinois. On its part, Israel perpetuates the lie that it never recruited Klein as a spy; in effect, after exploiting him, it sacrifices the victim as a political pawn.

Director Jordan Merkur has contrived several moving scenes. I was touched by the wails of Klein's embittered mother (Dawn Greenhalgh) as she realizes she has lost both her husband and her son all for the sake of Israel's political survival. And I found profoundly affecting the rabbi's penetrating questions when Klein ultimately hangs himself: "Survival for what? Doesn't the Talmud tell us that if you save one life, you save the world?"

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If you want to escape from the depressing war news, I heartily recommend a visit to *Die Fledermaus* (*The Bat*), running until Feb. 10 at the O'Keefe Centre. Except for the cast's poor diction (even though it's in English translated from the German yet!), it's the jolliest version of Johann Strauss Jr.'s operetta I've ever seen mounted by the Canadian Opera Company.

The Champagne Waltz, staged by Toronto's Jewish choreographer David Allan for the National Ballet of Canada dancers, is especially a cork-popping delight.

Len Birman and Dawn Greenhalgh co-star in the stimulating spy drama Bitter Friends at Leah Posluns Theatre.

Holocaust tale special in its simplicity

By
RUTH BARNETT

TORONTO —

Millions of words, many documentary films and innumerable memoirs have been written about the Holocaust; and now, as the remaining survivors approach old age, there is a real deadline, an intense need on the part of the survivors to tell their story before it is too late.

Tzadikim in Sodom, the story of how Sam Edelstein and his family survived the Second World War in a Polish bunker, is not available in bookstores. It can only be obtained by sending a charitable donation to one of Sam Edelstein's favorite charities.

It is a simple tale: a Jewish mother, determined that her family should survive, arranged as early as 1941 to go into hiding.

This was not just the story of the Edelsteins. It is the story of the Sikora family, the simple Polish peasants who allowed the Edelsteins to live in a bunker under their farmhouse.

Edelstein's book is not a depressing account of his sufferings and deprivations. It is a tribute to the Sikora family, the simple Polish peasants who risked their lives to save a few Jews: a rare happening in that time and place.

What makes this book special is its simplicity. It is brief, a mere 50 pages, with many family photographs. The purpose of the book is not just to document the stirring tale of a family in hiding, but to perpetrate what was lost during the Holocaust: the old fashioned values of family, charity and true friendship.

There is much left unsaid in Edelstein's story: how he finally emigrated to Canada to become one of Toronto's foremost philanthropists, a successful businessman and a highly respected community leader.

This is a precious document, because it is not about death, it is about life, about the will to stay alive against all odds, about sacrifices and hope and ordinary people who care about each other.

Its message is not new, but worthy of a place in the Holocaust literature.

If you wish to read this book, you may obtain a copy by contacting: Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care 789-5131; League for Human Rights, B'nai Brith Canada: 633-6224; Canadian Zionist Cultural Association (Association for the Soldiers of Israel), 783-3053; or the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation 789-3213. All contributions are tax-deductible.

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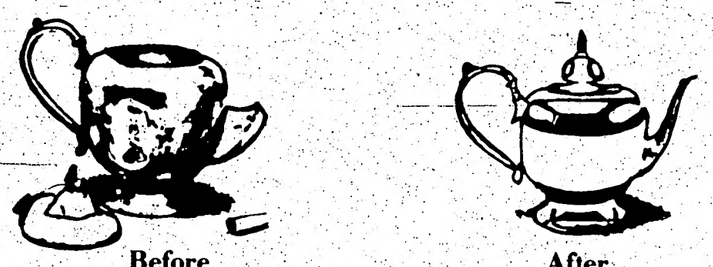

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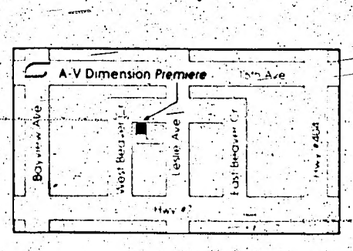

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Arts

Showbiz Mishmash

Applebaum "flabbergasted" when chosen ace in arts

By
FRANK RASKY

When he first heard the great news, **Louis Applebaum** couldn't believe it.

"I'm flattered," he said, "but flabbergasted."

Applebaum, for half a century a prolific composer and trailblazer of Canadian culture, had just heard that Toronto's Jewish Community Centre had chosen him the 1991 Arts Person of the Year.

"I'd participated in the first award given to **Arthur Gelber** two years ago," says Applebaum. "In fact, I appeared in the program paying tribute to 'Uncle Arthur' as a leading patron of the arts. The last thing I expected was to be his successor."

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A black-tie tribute evening honoring Applebaum will be held on Feb. 12 at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. (631-5665). And the $125-per-person cover charge will help raise funds for the Community Centre's schools of theatre, music, dance, and art serving 2,000 students.

Besides a champagne reception and lavish dessert buffet, the event will feature performances by Canadian baritone **Louis Quilico** of the Metropolitan Opera; principal dancers **Gizella Witkowsky** and **Serge Lavoie** of the National Ballet of Canada; jazz pianist **Gene Dinovi** and concert pianist **Arthur Ozolins**; modern dancer-choreographer **Robert Desrosiers**; and Stratford Festival actress **Goldie Semple** doing a soliloquy from Shake-Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*.

Applebaum will be presented with an original soapstone sculpture by the Inuit sculptor **David Ruben Piqtouken** and also a black-and-white portrait of himself sketched by Toronto artist **Charles Pachter**.

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At 72, the six-foot dynamo, with thinning grey hair and alert brown eyes peering behind bifocal spectacles, brims with vitality and genial humor.

"Would you believe it?" he mused in a free-wheeling interview at The CJN newsroom the other day. "At one time, I had a mop of black Afro hair. It was so thick you couldn't pull a comb through it." He smiled a bit sadly.

"Some people think I'm an ancient piece of walking Canadiana. Yet inside, I feel as though I were a peppy kid of 22. Not an old codger of 72. Believe me, I still have a good amount of energy left."

I believe him. Each morning he continues to go to his Jarvis Street work studio, which is heaped with books and lined musical note paper. He sits down at his grand piano and briskly begins composing. He currently is composing his first opera designed for children. Tentatively titled *So You Think You're Mozart?*, the one-hour comic opera will be staged by oboist-impresario **Lawrence Cherney** at the Young People's Theatre this May as part of the 200th anniversary marking the death of **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**.

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Over the past 50 years, the versatile Applebaum estimates he has created about 400 musical compositions.

He calls himself a "functional composer," meaning that his works are usually written to order. Thus the Canadian Jewish Congress commissioned him to write *Cry of the Prophet*, a 1951 concert piece for baritone and piano, with the text taken from Jeremiah in the Old Testament.

Similarly, **Ben Steinberg**, musical director of Temple Sinai, commissioned *The Last Words of David*, a 1981 concert piece for chorus, cantor, harp, piano and organ. The Hebrew and English text was adapted from the Bible by **Rabbi Jordan Pearlson**. The work itself was created for the dedication ceremony of new stained glass windows in the temple's sanctuary which depicted the Bible story of David.

But his compositions are not limited to biblical subjects. They include a bouncy commercial jingle for French's Instant Mashed Potatoes; a concert work titled *Dialogue With Footnotes* featuring the Boss Brass jazz band performed at Massey Hall; musical scores for 11 movies, most notably for *The Story of G.I. Joe*, starring **Robert Mitchum**, nominated for an Academy Award; and literally hundreds of scores for radio, TV and film documentaries, among them cantorial music for my brother **Harry Rasky's** *Homage To Chagall* and *Next Year In Jerusalem*.

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What's his most popular piece of music? It's the two 20-second musical fanfares he was commissioned to write 38 years ago for the Stratford Festival when it began inside a big tent beside the little Avon River. Artistic director **Tyrone Guthrie** asked for two ceremonial fanfares in brass — one to herald the opening of each play, the other to lure the audience back into the tent after each intermission.

Applebaum, who has donated the theatre royalties to the Stratford Festival, says wryly, "It's a funny thing. Here I've spent a lifetime composing music for everything from ballets to symphonies. Yet I'm told that this pair of 20-second fanfares are performed more often in Canada than any other musical work except the *National Anthem*."

Applebaum's wife for 50 years, **Jan**, an artist in her own right, and his energetic, 92-year-old mother **Fanny**, still active as a volunteer at Baycrest, are ardent music-lovers both looking forward eagerly to the gala award ceremonies at the Posluns Theatre.

Unfortunately, his father **Morris**, a Polish immigrant in the Toronto garment trade, has passed away.

Louis Applebaum

Ofra Harnoy

Jason Sherman

Diane Flacks

Ralph Small

Larissa Friedenberg

"My father made a family ritual out of listening to the opera radio broadcasts every Saturday afternoon," says Applebaum. "And he'd proudly pull out the latest newspaper clippings about my career and boast of 'my son, the composer.' If he were alive today, he'd be at my award presentation *kvelling* with glee."

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A tip of my hat goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts.

Mazel tov to **Diane Flacks** and **Jason Sherman**, two young Jewish playwrights participating in the 13th annual *Rhubarb Festival of Innovative Theatre* now being staged at the new Buddies In Bad Times Theatre, 142 George St. (863-9455).

Flacks is one of the three feminist writers performing in *Slow Thunder*, a comedy exploring women in mythology, running from Feb. 6 to 10.

Sherman is the author of *League Of Nathans*, a half-hour play running from Feb. 13 to 17. It's about three Jewish friends — who in their youth formed a club of boys named Nathan. They meet in a synagogue to discuss the state of their mind and the state of Israel.

Ralph Small portrays three characters in *Indian Heart*, the award-winning docudrama about the English con artist who masqueraded as the Canadian Indian naturalist Grey Owl. **Stephen Coopman** is dramaturge of the show running until Feb. 9 at the Solar Stage in North York (221-9855).

Pianist **Larissa Friedenberg** and cellist **Ofra Harnoy** will be the headliners in a Les Pleiades Concerts presentation March 3 at Premiere Dance Theatre in Harbourfront (973-4000).

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I bow out with this story laughingly told to me by **Cary Grant**, shortly before the great charmer's death in 1986 at the age of 82: When a journalist wired his agent asking, "How old Cary Grant?", Grant himself replied: "Old Cary Grant fine. How you?"

Authors provide interesting look at Stalin's life

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Stalin in Power, by Robert C. Tucker (Norton, $29.95 (U.S.)).

Stalin's War Against the Jews, by L. Rapoport (Macmillan, $22.95 (U.S.)).

Stalin — The Glasnost Revelations, by W. Laqueur (Scribners, $24.95 (U.S.)).

The overwhelming question remains: How was Stalin — paranoid, amoral and ruthless — whose policies and actions wrought such wide-spread destruction and suffering, able to rule the Soviet empire so completely and for so long?

The authors of the books under review suggest that a partial answer resides in the tradition of a strong authoritarian leader in Russian history. This tradition includes such characters as Ivan the Terrible (whom Stalin consciously imitated), Peter the Great, Catherine the Great, and a long line of savage Czars.

Stalin's crimes were massive. One by one he exterminated the fathers of the Russian Revolution. He was far more successful in killing communists than the Czarist police had ever been. Of the members of the Central Committee elected at the Party congress in 1934, more than two-thirds were killed during the periodic purges.

There is no way of knowing how many people died during Stalin's 25-year reign of terror — probably, in the neighborhood of 20 million. In the early 1930s, by his orders, millions of peasants were either killed or permitted to starve to death in the attempt to collectivize farming. Private agriculture was successfully suffocated. As a result, Soviet agriculture has functioned poorly to this day.

Tucker makes clear that Stalin's series of Five-Year Plans were successful and modernized the Russian economy. In spite of its enormous material losses during the Second World War, the Soviet Union emerged as the world's second largest industrial power.

Stalin's infamous "non-aggression" pact with Hitler in 1939 was, undoubtedly, his greatest mistake. In time it weakened the Soviet Union and led to widespread disillusionment among communists and their supporters around the world.

Stalin's family life was singularly unsuccessful. He married in 1904, but three years later his wife died of tuberculosis. Their only child, Jacob, was captured by the Germans in the Second World War. The Germans offered to exchange him but Stalin turned the offer down, and Jacob died in a German prison camp.

His second wife died in 1932, reportedly by her own hand, although there were rumors that Stalin himself killed her or had her killed. There were two children by the second marriage. His son, an officer in the Soviet Air Force, became an alcoholic. He died in 1962. Stalin's daughter Svetlana, defected from the Soviet Union, and in 1967, came to the United States.

Louis Rapoport, a writer for the Jerusalem Post, indicates that Stalin was obsessed with Jews. From his alcoholic father, as well as from his seminary teachers (as a teenager he attended a theological seminary) Stalin was reared with the concepts of the notorious Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

He was especially suspicious of well-educated, assimilated and ambitious Jews. He viewed Leon Trotsky as a major threat "and a million Trotskys would die through both active purges and passive deals with the Nazis."

In January 1933, the Soviet government announced that a group of doctors — the majority of them Jewish — had been arrested for plotting the death of high-ranking Soviet officials. Medieval charges of well-poisoning and similar bizarre accusations were made against the physicians. Fortunately, Stalin died in 1953, before his plans against the doctors could be achieved.

Rapoport's study shows that anti-Semitism has been part of Russian and Soviet policy over the years and helps explain the present massive Jewish exodus from the Soviet Union.

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By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — If you're a train buff and want to see some of the world's most spectacular scenery, give some thought to taking a trip this summer between Calgary and Vancouver or reverse on the Rocky Mountaineer.

From May 28 to Oct. 8, the Great Canadian Railtour Co. offers two-day tours through the Rocky Mountains. Each trip includes an overnight stay in Kamloops, B.C., right in the heart of the mountains.

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The Rocky Mountaineer went into service last year and carried 15,000 passengers in 27 weeks. Capacity for 25,000 riders is planned for this year.

Last year the train ran once a week in each direction. This year the frequency increases to three trains every two weeks.

The company running the tours was the first in Canada to take over part of Via Rail's service when Via abandoned its scenic southern transcontinental route last year. The company bought Via Rail cars and signed an operating agreement with CP Rail to provide the crews. The "Super 7" locomotives, said to be the only ones of their kind operating in Canada, have been leased from the Santa Fe Railroad.

The fare between Vancouver and Jasper or Vancouver and Banff (or reverse) starts at $390 one-way, $695 round-trip each double occupancy. Between Vancouver and Calgary, or reverse, the rate is $425 one way and $760 return, also with double occupancy.

For information and reservations call 1-800-665-7245 or dial direct to Vancouver, 604-278-7757 or FAX 604-270-8069.

Heart Action weekend packages available at King Ranch Health Spa

KING CITY — King Ranch Health Spa and Fitness Resort, King City, Ont., has joined forces with the Heart Action Committee of the Ontario Heart & Stroke Foundation in a unique fundraising project.

King Ranch president Adam Koffler and his sister, vice-president Tiana Koffler Boyman announced that Heart Action King Ranch Weekend reservations during February, Heart Month, will include a tax deductible donation to the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

President of the Heart Action Committee is Jeanne Cameron Brown. The King Ranch event will be chaired by vice-president, special events, Margaret La Berge.

During the weekends in February, special priced packages will encourage people to be good to their hearts and enjoy themselves in the winter landscape that surrounds King Ranch. Heart & Stroke Foundation president Bob Luba believes that since the philosophy of King Ranch and the Foundation are so similar, a weekend of relaxation and awareness will help people to become heart-smart.

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The special package price is $750 per person (single or double occupancy) including provincial tax and all gratuities. Each person registering for a Heart Action Weekend will be making a $200 donation (which is inclusive in the package price) to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. A tax deductible receipt will be issued by the Foundation.

For reservations call King Ranch at 833-8332. Information may also be obtained from the Heart Action Committee, 489-7100.

The Heart Action Committee hopes to raise $50,000 for heart and stroke research during Heart Action Weekends at King Ranch.

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Island Yacht Club is located on Muggs Island in Blockhouse Bay (on left where boats are tied up). Top right corner is Hanlan's Point.

Yacht club sailing into its 41st year

TORONTO — This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Island Yacht Club. It all started with a handful of sailing enthusiasts who, in 1951, obtained a lease from the City of Toronto for a small parcel of land situated on Muggs Island, just east of Hanlan's Point, in the Toronto Islands.

The land, with a 600-foot frontage and a depth of 250 feet, which is not connected to other islands, was a completely undeveloped maze of trees, bushes, swamp and sand. Later that year the founding members obtained a provincial charter incorporating The Island Yacht Club as a non-profit corporation and elected its first board of directors with Dr. "Bunny" Willinsky as the first commodore. The following year the members formed work parties in order to clear and level the club lands.

Since then the club has represented Canada in the Olympics, Pan Am Games, the Maccabiah Games, Canada Summer Games and other world class events. Members in the Toronto area have served on the executive boards of many top associations as well as the Metro Yacht Racing Council and the Cruising Yacht Racing Association. This summer IYC is hosting the well-known Lake Yacht Racing Association (LYRA) Regatta. Monday night club racing is a popular event.

A prefabricated building was purchased on credit, and with the help of a carpenter, the members built their first club house. This original structure still forms the lounge area of the present building. A generator was donated for electricity, and drinking water was taken from an abandoned well. Two floating docks were built and the slips consisted of 2-inch pipes with duck boards to accommodate the fleet of 10 sail and six power boats.

Since then more land has been acquired — buildings enlarged, the grounds landscaped, a swimming pool and tennis courts have been added. A dining room, docks and marine yard with up-to-date marine yard equipment to accommodate 250 boats, up to 45 feet long, were built.

Seven years ago the Club began Operation Renewal — the club's first major capital improvement program. Since then it has installed a pump-out facility, rebuilt and repaired several docks, removed the septic tanks and hooked up to city sewers, as well as renovating and updating club facilities.

This summer IYC is having a Junior Sailing School Reunion and are trying to locate all former staff and students from the past 40 years.

To celebrate its 40th anniversary, Commodore William Kassel, who is entering his second year at the helm of IYC, is welcoming new members to join the club at half the initiation fee, for a limited time only. Initiation fees range from $240 to 5,600.

The Island Yacht Club is not just for individuals with boats — there are social members who come to the island just to go swimming, play bridge or tennis or eat in the 160-seat dining room. Others just go to the club because the oasis, just 10 minutes away from downtown Toronto, feels like you're on a Caribbean island, says a club spokesman.

For further information about membership, contact Lionel Newton at 416-928-0022; general information, Island Yacht Club, 416-363-9654.

Miami Beach hotel site of Passover fete

MIAMI BEACH — Elite Kosher Tours will host the Passover Festival once again at the Shelborne Beach Hotel on Miami Beach, Elite's president Michael Lefkowitz has announced.

Passover Festival '91 will feature Sedurim conducted by Rabbis Ira Eisenman and Manny Jaraslowitz. Gourmet glatt kosher meals, a lively social program, a children's day camp and an on-premises synagogue highlight this year's program.

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Reservations for Passover Festival '91 can be made by calling Elite Kosher Tours at (305) 538-0450 or toll free at (800) 553-9012.

Catskills resort offering special summer packages

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Lipchitz show at New York museum

NEW YORK — Jacques Lipchitz: A Life in Sculpture, the first major exhibition of the work of Jacques Lipchitz since the 1972 retrospective at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, will be on view at The Jewish Museum at The New-York Historical Society, 170 Central Park West at 77th Street from Jan. 16 through April 14.

Drawing upon loans from public and private collections in Europe, the United States, and Canada, and from the artist's estate, the exhibition consists of 100 sculptures and 31 drawings dating from 1911 to 1972. A retrospective exhibition, Jacques Lipchitz: A Life in Sculpture was organized by Dr. Alan G. Wilkinson, curator of Twentieth Century Art at the Art Gallery of Ontario. The Jewish Museum is the final stop on a four-city North American tour.

"Jacques Lipchitz (1891-1973) was the greatest sculptor of the Cubist movement, the most important revolution in the history of art since the Renaissance," said Alan Wilkinson.

"His later work, which has certain affinities to abstract expressionism," wrote Wilkinson, "should be re-evaluated not only for its innovative formal qualities but as a deeply felt expression of his humanity and compassion."

The first section of the exhibition includes early figurative works of 1911-12, the transitional proto-Cubist sculptures of 1913-14 and a comprehensive group of the artist's great Cubist bronzes and carvings of 1915-25.

The second section begins with the relatively unknown "transparents" of 1925-30 — open spatial assemblies of flat and linear forms that anticipate the welded metal sculptures of Picasso and Gonzalez, made in the late 1920s.

The exhibition then traces how Lipchitz became liberated from the formal restrictions of Cubism and began to focus attention on "subject" sculptures that reflect his intense personal experiences and his deeply felt reactions to political events, to war, to the Holocaust, and to the past and present history of the Jewish people.

To cite a few examples, The Cry (The Couple) of 1928-29 expressed the artist's anguish at the deaths of his sister and father. David and Goliath, 1933, reflected his horror at the threat of Nazi Germany.

In Miracle II (1948) he celebrated the birth of the new state of Israel, and in Mother and Child (1949) the artist rejoiced at the 1948 birth of his daughter, Lolya.

Lipchitz was born in Lithuania in 1891, a member of a wealthy Jewish banking family and the son of a building contractor. In 1909 he settled in Paris, and within the next three or four years he became acquainted with many of the most important avant-garde painters and sculptors of the day, including Picasso, Modigliani, Brancusi, Rivera and Gris.

Horror of war expressed in work

In 1916 Lipchitz began exhibiting his great Cubist carvings and bronzes at the Galerie de l'Effort Moderne in Paris, where Picasso, Braque, Leger and Gris also exhibited their work.

Lipchitz and his wife fled Europe in 1941 and settled in New York City. In Mother and Child Lipchitz's horror of war is expressed in the anguished despair of the mother, whose stumplike arms and truncated torso create a poignant image of mutilation.

In 1953, after a fire destroyed his Manhattan studio, Lipchitz moved to Hastings-On-Hudson, New York. The following year he had a retrospective exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art, New York. In 1958 he worked with the architect Philip Johnson on the gateway to the Roofless Church in New Harmony, Indiana.

Lipchitz was awarded a number of major public commissions in the 1960s, such as The Spirit of Enterprises, Peace on Earth, and Government of the People. He continued to work on small private works, experimenting with found objects that he incorporated directly into his sculpture. As always, Lipchitz was responsive to the world around him.

Following the terrible flood in Florence in 1967, he made the powerful little bronze L'Arno furioso in which the raging waters have been transformed into an animal foaming at the mouth like a dog with rabies.

At the end of his life, Lipchitz was working on his last major sculpture, entitled Our Tree of Life, an exploration of themes from the history of the Jewish people, commissioned by the Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem. Two bronze studies for Our Tree of Life are included in the exhibition.

Lipchitz died on May 27, 1973, on the island of Capri, and on May 29 was buried in Jerusalem.

A 196-page catalogue by Dr. Alan G. Wilkinson, fully illustrated in color and black-and-white, accompanies the exhibition. The book, published by the Art Gallery of Ontario, will be available for sale at The Jewish Museum Shop at The New York Historical Society beginning Jan. 16.

Jacques Lipchitz: A Life in Sculpture is the Jewish Museum's opening exhibition in its temporary gallery space at The New York Historical Society. A two-year renovation and expansion process of its Fifth Avenue building is underway. During this period, the Jewish Museum's officers are located at 1865 Broadway, New York. From Jan. 16, 1991 through December 1992, the Jewish Museum's exhibitions, education programs, and a book and gift shop will be located at The New York Historical Society.

Jacques Lipchitz: A Life in Sculpture has been organized and circulated by the Art Gallery of Ontario. It has been sponsored by American Express Company and Olympia & York. The presentation in New York is funded, in part, by The Morris S. and Florence H. Bender Foundation, The Joe and Emily Lowe Foundation, Olympia & York and the Golden Family Foundation. Public funds have been provided by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Business Outlook

Homeward bound El Al official plain happy about Canadian stay

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO — Nahum Kara is preparing for takeoff to Israel.

Accompanied by his wife, Dalia, and 6½-year-old son, Nadav, the El Al Airlines official will depart Feb. 13 for Israel, his homeland since he emigrated from Istanbul, Turkey at the age of 16.

Kara, who has been named deputy director in charge of marketing development, will be honored at a reception Feb. 5 at which his successor in the Toronto office, Roberto Schliesser, will be introduced.

As El Al Airlines' district manager, Ontario and Western Canada, Kara has piloted a number of changes since his arrival in September 1985.

The most important in his view is the launch of direct flights from Toronto to Tel Aviv on March 31, 1986. Previously, Ontarians and Western Canadians had to take a domestic flight to Montreal's Dorval airport and then transfer with baggage to Mirabel from which international flights departed.

Nahum Kara will soon be leaving Canada.

"When I saw the first plane land in Toronto, I cried," he said, adding that because there were a variety of unexpected problems, it wasn't certain until two weeks before the flight that it would go as scheduled.

Always fascinated with aircraft, Kara has logged many miles since he joined the airline in April 1971 as an electronics technician specializing in automatic pilot and navigation systems. He then moved to the commercial department after studying business administration at Hebrew University. He was first with the airline's Tel Aviv branch and then with its charter subsidiary, Sundor International.

What has impressed him most about Canada during his stay is the mosaic of the country. He said it is North America with a touch of Europe, which makes it a nice place in which to live.

"In many ways it's like Israel, absorbing the ethnic groups in this country. It's important to see that all kinds of groups can maintain their cultures and live in peace."

Since the initiation of the Toronto route, his overriding concern has been to maintain economical flights.

"We bring in 747s (which seat 436), so it's not an easy task."

Traffic to Israel is heavy at the High Holidays as well as summer and Christmas school breaks, but "we need to have all flights economical." During slower periods, a minimum of 150 passenger must fly to be economical, and it is during these times that a smaller plane is utilized.

Another of his priorities has been to work as a team with tour operators to promote Israel. During his first year, the Toronto agent with the largest volume produced $8,000. During the last three years, five Toronto agents have each had sales of more than $1 million.

> **"Our biggest goal is to reach all Jews who haven't been"**

There is immense growth potential in Canada, he said. Although the Western Canadian market has increased 35 per cent since 1985, "our bread and butter comes from Ontario and Quebec. Our biggest goal is to reach the 75 per cent of Jews who have never been to Israel.

"Too many have never been — we have to convince them they have to go. The paradox is once people go, they will be repeaters."

Kara said the traffic from Canada is 65 per cent Jewish to 35 per cent non-Jewish. The American percentages are 85 per cent Jewish and 15 per cent non-Jewish. He said that if the rates are compared, El Al Canada can be proud because of the significant difference in the limitless non-Jewish market.

"As the situation in Israel becomes better, it (traffic) will pick up," he said, adding that El Al won't fly anywhere unless its high security standards are met.

Kara said El Al now is the only carrier flying to and from Israel. As a result, it has cornered the entire market instead of its usual 65 to 70 per cent.

How much of that will be retained after the war is over?

"In the short term, no competition is good, but in principle, I'm in favor of competition."

It would not be good for the country or for the economy if El Al were to retain all of the market share, he said. Long-term, El Al's role is not just to fill airplanes; rather it is to help promote the tourism business. With more people to promote it, the business will be bigger and everyone will make a good living, he added.

"There's a linkage between what is good for Israel and what is good for El Al.

"So far we have maintained two weekly flights from Toronto despite the war and the missile attacks. We are planning to continue ... as long as we can fly passengers safely."

Kara said that since the beginning of the crisis on Aug. 2, there has been a drop in tourism to Israel. The airline finished 1990 with a three per cent drop in Canadian traffic compared to 1989. He attributed the small overall drop to the fact that until Aug. 2, there was actually an increase of 12 per cent.

> **"People who visit get balanced view of Mideast status"**

Tourism from all countries was down by 40 per cent for the period between Aug. 2 and Jan. 15, compared to the same period the previous year. Canadian traffic diminished by 30 to 35 per cent, he said.

"Without the crisis, the increase would have easily been 15 per cent ... perhaps larger.

"I have been in Israel twice since August. I've been talking here to rabbis and travel agents to relay to them the real picture and convince them there is no good reason to cancel.

"Tourism for Israel is a $2 billion (U.S.) business and these unexpected cancellations until the actual beginning of the war created lots of layoffs in the industry, for no good reason. Ask any tourist who visited between Aug. 2 and Jan. 15. You didn't feel anything.

"It's nice to donate money for Russian olim, but it's different when you see for yourself their landing and absorption in the country."

Kara said tourism fortifies the economy but it also has a second, perhaps more important, function.

"People who visit Israel become our ambassadors. They get a balanced picture of what's going on in the Middle East.

"Many times, the media is our worst enemy ...with (its) unbalanced reporting. Primarily, it's first-timers who are cancelling, not repeaters."

Despite the war, Kara said El Al is at full staff and full volume with no stoppage in flights bringing Russian immigrants to Israel.

"Israel is safer for them than Russia. We're doing what we can to bring them back."

He said he is confident traffic will pick up for Pesach, which begins on March 29.

What happens if it's a long war — another Viet Nam, he asked.

"I think Jews have to go year round and at all times. Israel will make sure it's safe for all of us. You have to keep Israel safe for Israelis — you can't live forever in shelters."

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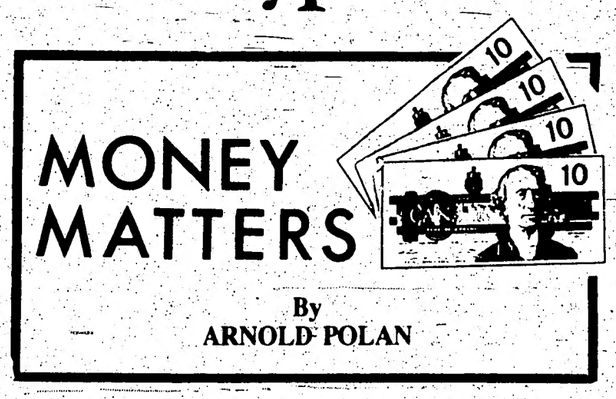

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Bankruptcy Act may be altered

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

Bankruptcy is more than a financial problem, says a Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada official.

Walter Clare, the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, told members of The Canadian Institute of Credit and Financial Management that the substantial increase in bankruptcies is most often a consequence of failed expectations.

"No business or consumer debtor starts out intending to fail. It's my belief that most bankruptcies are the direct result of excessive expectations (developed during the 1980s) combined with other factors which, in many cases, are not of a direct financial nature."

Clare cited some examples of outside influences such as unhealthy relationships, marriage breakdown, alcohol, drugs, gambling, compulsive spending, medical and employment problems as well as education and illiteracy.

"In the case of business failures, many of the same factors sometimes apply but the excessive expectations are clearly the most significant factor."

He explained that in a boom economy, easy commercial credit creates magical thinking which is based on the assumption that everything has to get better.

"When a skilled credit manager tries to impose some reality on the magical thinking, everyone gets upset.

"If we permit our society to encourage expectations fueled by the excessive debts of governments, businesses and individuals, then we must recognize that the number of bankruptcies will increase significantly anytime we experience a slowdown in the economy."

Proposals studied

In 1990, according to the latest statistics from Corporate and Consumer Affairs, there were 42,782 personal bankruptcies as well as 11,642 business bankruptcies. Total liabilities for Ontario firms alone exceeded $900 million. Based on these figures, changes are essential.

To date, Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister Pierre Blais is studying proposals for amendments to the Bankruptcy Act. He plans to table a bill by spring, Clare said.

Although he could not reveal specific items, he summarized some of the key ideas which have been previously published as part of the policy review.

"First, everyone seems to agree that our 40-year-old Bankruptcy Act is desperately out of date with both commercial-and-consumer lending practices, and it needs to be modernized.

"We need something other than bankruptcy or liquidation as an alternative to the over-burdened debtor. Proposals for reorganization of debt or an arrangement with creditors must be encouraged."

Clare said the United States has seen success with its policy that relates to business reorganizations and consumer arrangements.

He added that business reorganizations permit the debtor company to remain in full possession of the business assets and operations. Essentially, a slowdown in the bankruptcy process is needed as this will give the debtor company time to examine alternatives and provide a mechanism for agreement on something better than liquidation, he said.

"In the area of consumer insolvency, we need a change in perspective that provides an alternative. We stress that consumer bankruptcy is the solution of last resort. But we don't provide other alternatives.

"You pay your debts in full or you declare bankruptcy. We need realistic options that permit debtors to respond to their creditors other than a bankruptcy," Clare said.

"The system needs to be fair to debtors and creditors. And, if it is fair, it must be supported by abuse remedies that penalizes a bankrupt who could have made an arrangement with his creditors but chooses bankruptcy instead."

Enforcement needed

Clare said that one out of every 10 bankrupts is a repeater. In some cases, where there is a clear abuse of the system, vigorous enforcement and sanctions are required.

"On the other hand, most repeaters are a reflection of the inability of the system to adequately respond to the rehabilitation mandate anticipated in the Bankruptcy Act.

"Bankruptcy is a complex legal proceeding that exposes the debtor to great extremes of emotion. It has been our experience that many debtors pass through the system never fully understanding the significance of the choices they have made.

"It is my belief that repeaters are a reflection of an even greater problem — that is, that many go through bankruptcy and end up in exactly the same financial circumstances but live a life of chronic financial problems rather than go through bankruptcy again."

Clare said the recent Auditor General's report strongly recommends that the government amend the Bankruptcy Act. There was also a specific recommendation that the Act authorizes counselling of consumer debtors.

"It is my hope that the minister is able to set forward a scheme of debtor counselling that could be paid for directly from estate assets and that the services could be provided by existing private sector organizational agencies such as trustees or credit counsellors."

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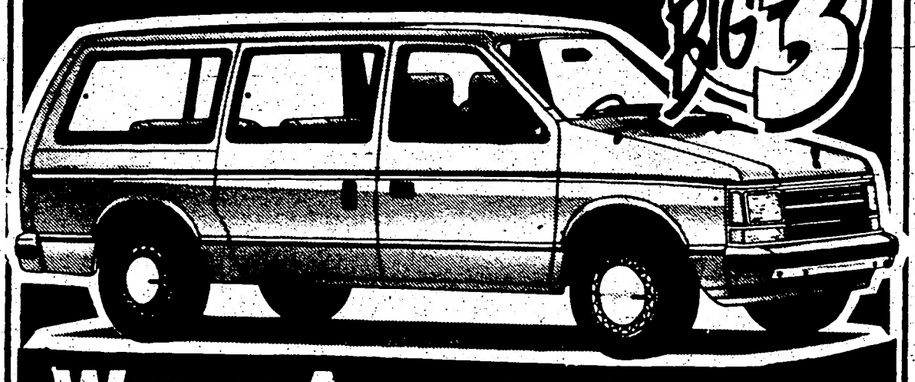
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Business Outlook

Shenkar support group is formed

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
A group of Canadians have become involved in helping to build the fashion and textile industries in Israel, thus enabling it to compete in world markets.

Recently, the Canadian Committee for Shenkar College in Israel held its inaugural meeting here at the home of Eugene and Lilly Sandorfy. Shenkar College president Lord Samuel told the 75 guests about the College's philosophy and achievements.

The president said that management graduates of Shenkar College which is located in Ramat Gan, near Tel Aviv, were much in demand in Israel and Shenkar graduates were employed in more than 300 plants throughout Israel.

Pictured at the first meeting of the Toronto Friends branch of Shenkar College are (left to right) Euguene Sandorfy, Lord Samuel, Elie Mimran and Chris Kuzik.

"In fact, we cannot really supply all the people the industry wants and needs at this time."

He explained that space and financial limitations prevented the College from expanding "and these factors are right at the top of our list of priorities."

Samuel noted that since the establishment of the College, hundreds of graduates have been changing the face of the industry "by establishing precedents and setting accomplished records of which any educational centre would be proud of."

The professor added that many graduates now hold key positions in textile technology, design and management.

"Many have gone on to establish enterprises of their own, while others have continued on into research and are now on the faculty of the College."

Toronto's Elie Mimran, director of special projects for the Monaco Group Inc., served as the chairman of the evening. He welcomed and introduced the guests who included: Joshua Ronn, the president of the Montreal Shenkar College organization; Chris Kuzic, the executive vice-president of the Toronto Dress Sportswear Manufacturers' Guild; and Magda Klein and Ruth Nathan who assisted in planning the inaugural meeting. Dr. Eva Klein and Dr. Sidney Nathan also participated in the program.

Mimran spoke on the membership activities and suggested that when individuals visit Israel, they visit the College. For those who wish to make arrangements to tour the College or for more information on Shenkar College, call Nathan at (416) 486-1313.

No rigid rules in assessing reasonable notice: lawyer

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
All employees are entitled to just notice, says a lawyer who deals in wrongful dismissal.

Barry Kuretzkey, a senior partner at Harris and Partners, recently told members of the Toronto Association for Professionals in Jewish Communal Service that the employee is always in the weaker position when it comes to written employment contracts.

"With a written employment contract, an employer can specify a lower notice period than the courts may have established in instances of wrongful dismissal, had there only been an oral contract."

He cited the case of a senior executive who had worked for a large firm in the same capacity for 26 years.

"When the man began working for the company, he signed a contract that entitled him to six months notice upon termination. Twenty-six years later he was terminated, and the original contract was upheld in court. Had there been no written contract, the courts probably would have awarded him a substantially longer notice period."

Kuretzkey said that when establishing reasonable notice, there are a number of issues that one must consider including the employee's right to the pension plan, his emotional suffering, his ability to compete in the job market and if there was fault on the employee's part when he was fired.

"We cannot stop looking creatively at employer-employee relationships in order to determine loss. There is no rule of thumb in assessing reasonable notice."

He stressed that employment contracts are not fair to the employee because he is never in an equal bargaining position.

"An employee is always better off to have terms that the court implies because the courts always imply reasonable notice."

He added that the only time a contract could help is if an employee is in the first few months of employment and the contract specified a nine-month notice period.

"These cases, however, are few and far between."

With regard to constructive dismissal, in which an employee is not actually fired but rather receives a demotion, Kuretzkey said "courts generally say that constructive dismissal is a breach of employment and employees are often advised to sue for dismissal."

Another issue with which Kuretzkey often deals is wrongful referencing.

"This refers to a former employer harming an employee by giving a bad job reference. As long as a former employer is not malicious, however, he can say some pretty nasty things about an employee."

"As long as a company does not act with malice, it can say anything it wants about an employee. There is no cause of action, if it is the truth."

Kuretzkey said that there could be cause for action if a former employer fails to give pertinent information about his employee and the employee is hired by a second company under false pretenses.

"If an employee is fired because of sexual misconduct or for stealing and the employer does not put that in the reference, the second company can sue the first company."

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Larger classes are divided into smaller groups, to allow for more personalized teaching. For the current year, certain new courses are being added at the senior level, including programs in computer science and biology.

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